



NOW A  
HIT  
ANIME  
SERIES!

Dance in the  
**Vampire Bund**

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## 7

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Mankind is a species which surrounds its innermost self with high, strong walls. Should he ever attempt to seek out and overcome this barrier himself, he is repulsed almost immediately. Thus it is impossible for him to see aught but those towering walls which surround him. The castle hidden within lies not only unapproachable, but all but invisible.

However, should a friend —or perhaps an enemy— play the role of traitor and lead him through secret passageways to the castle beyond, then the story may be different.

*Nietzsche, Menschliches Allzumenschliche*



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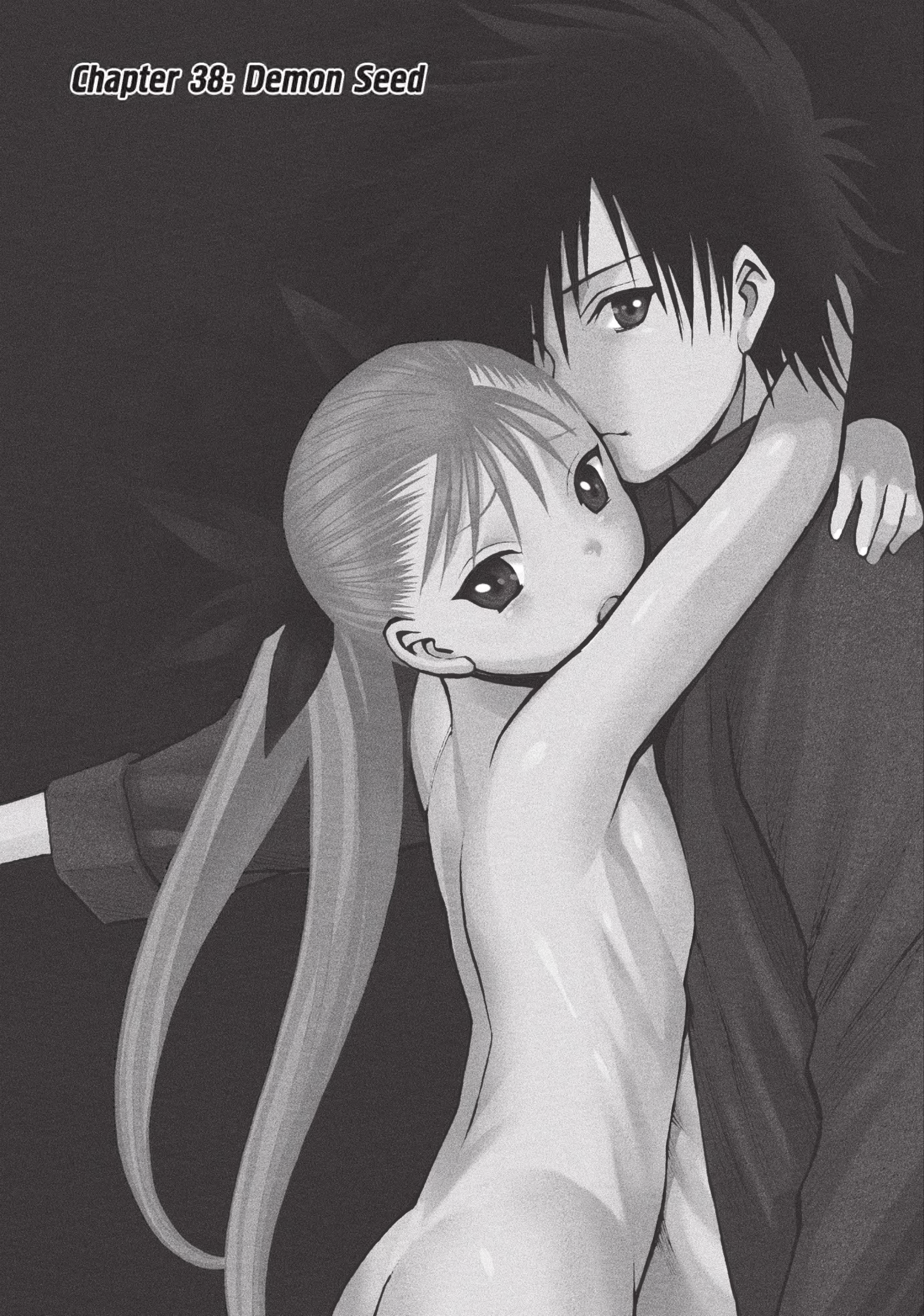
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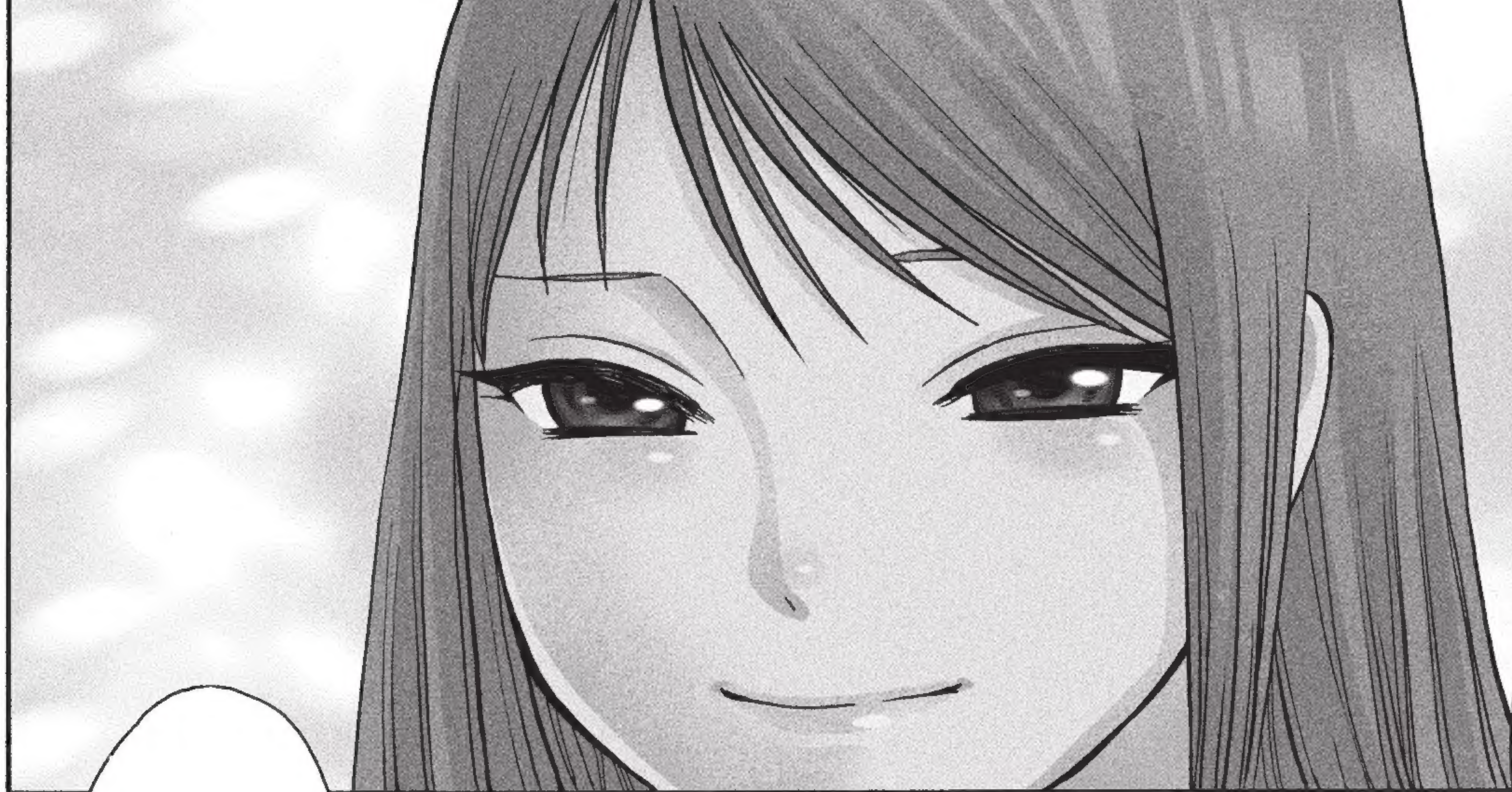
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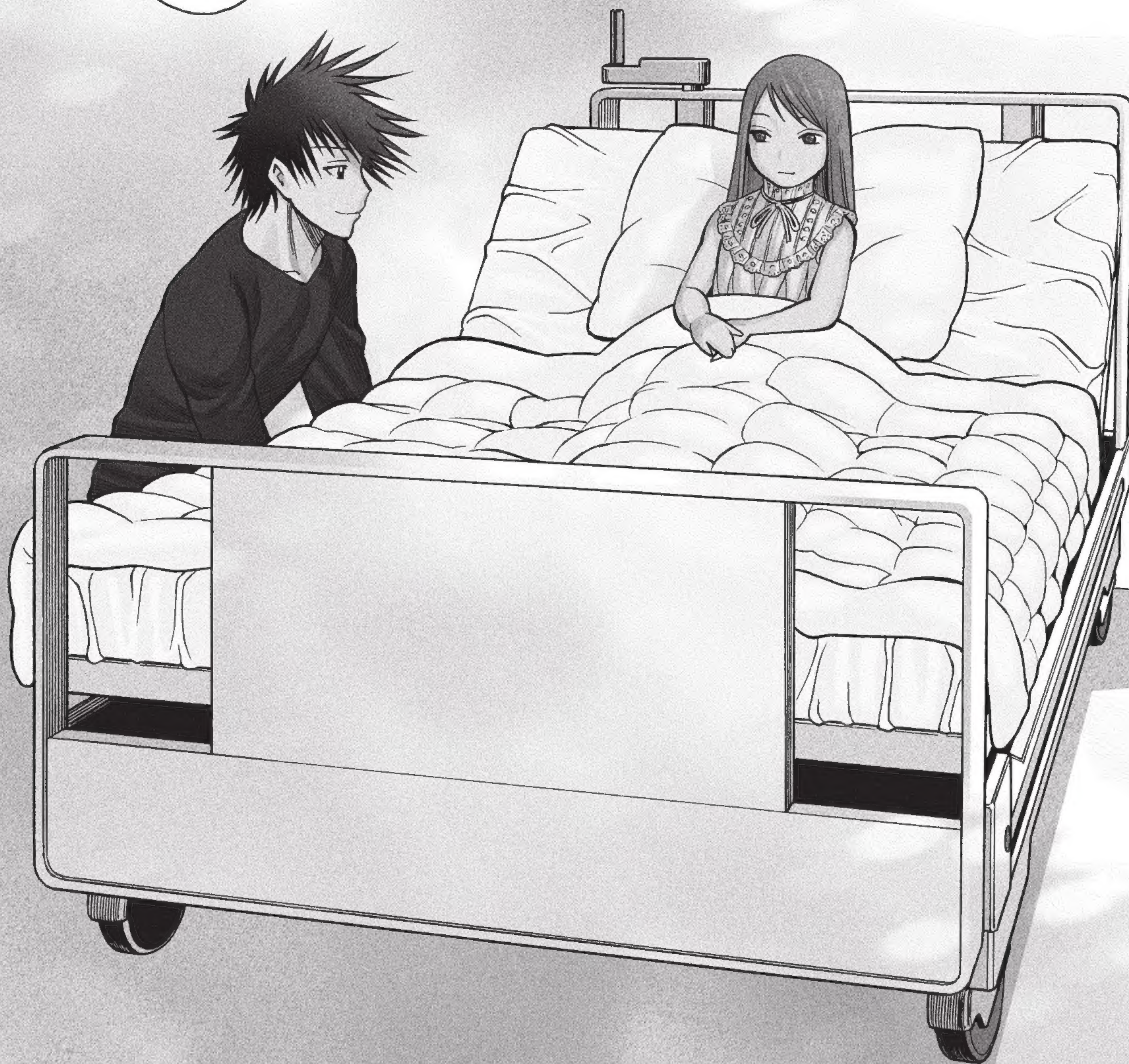




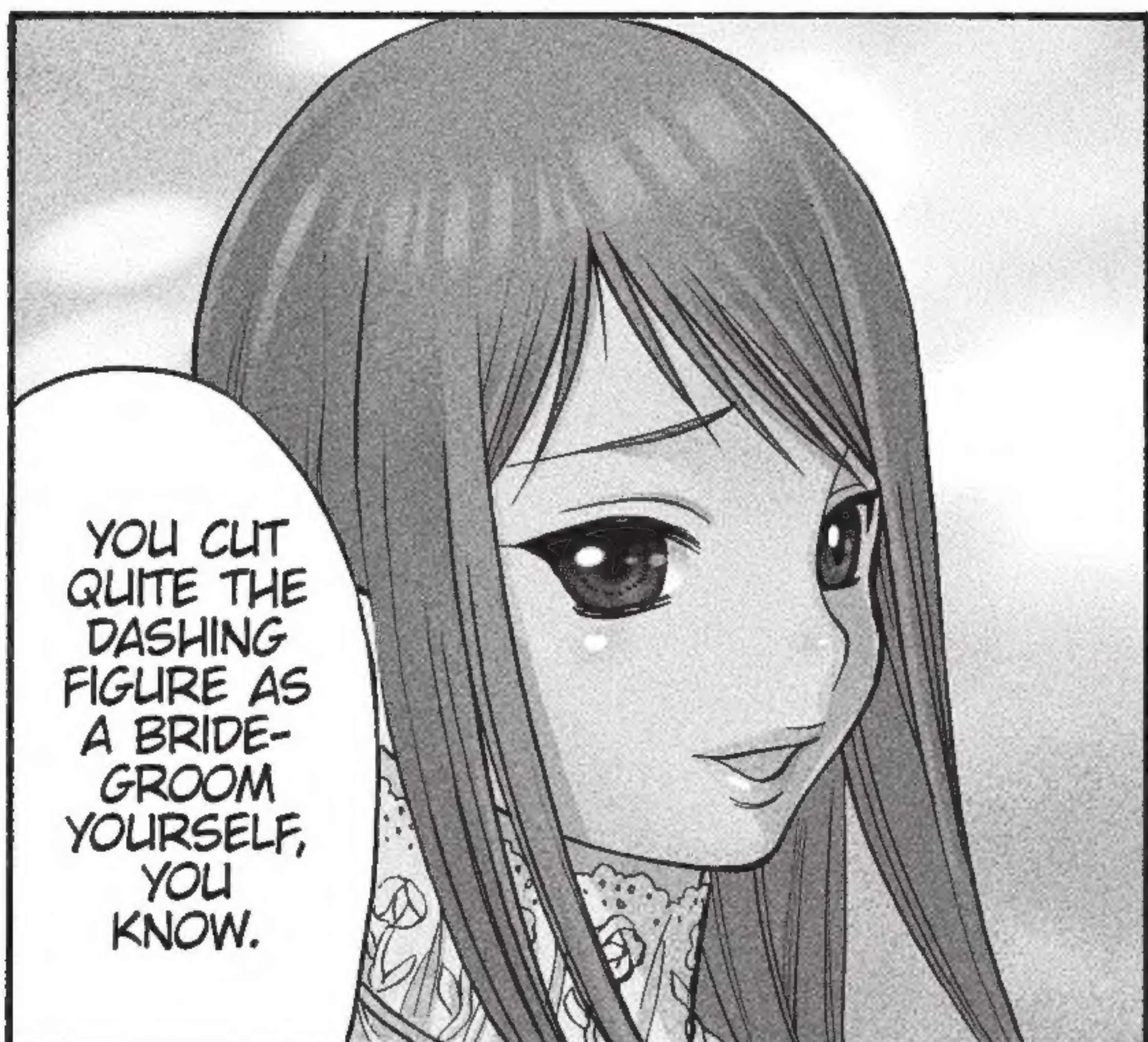


AH...

SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
YOU  
DREAMED.





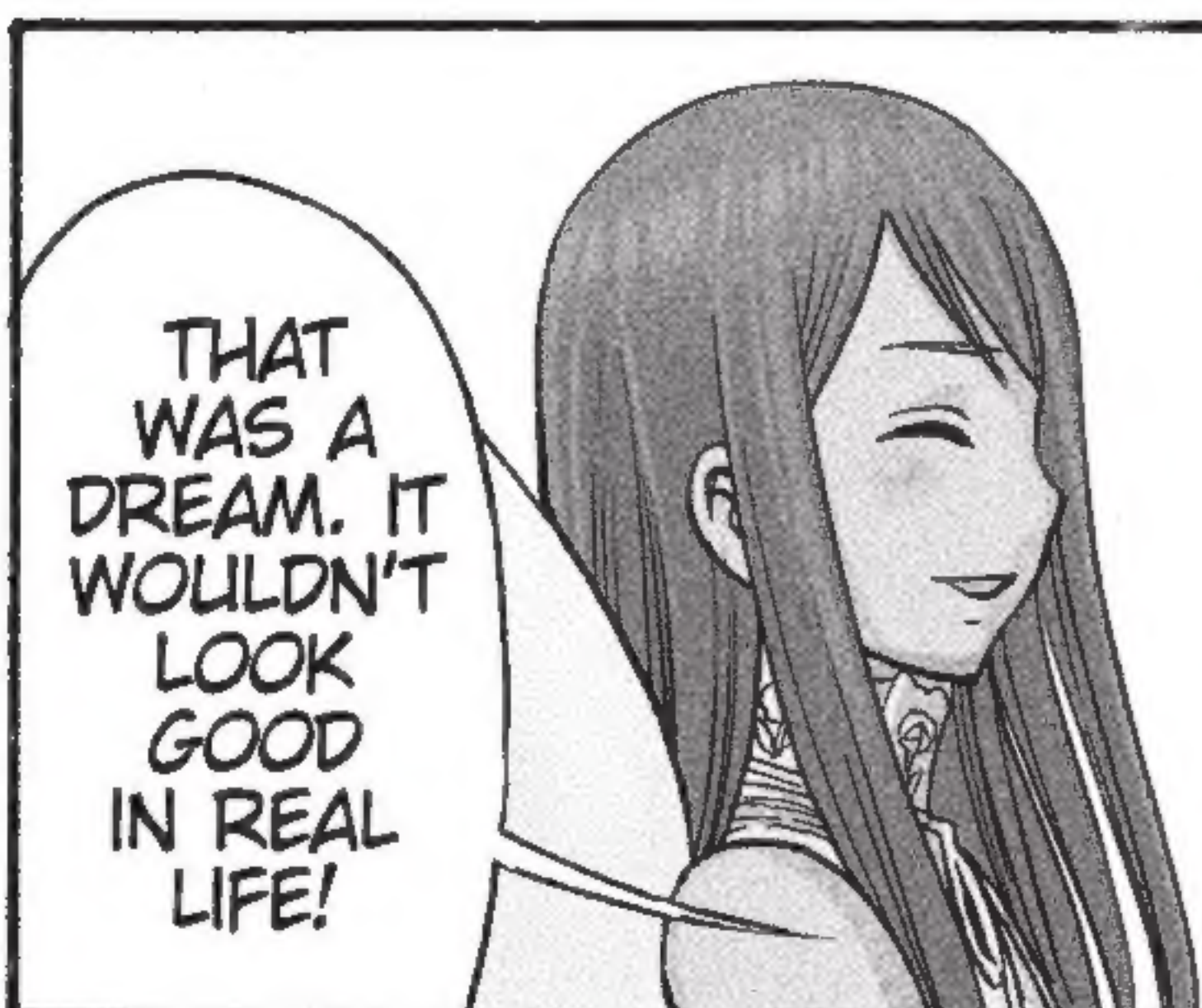


YOU CUT  
QUITE THE  
DASHING  
FIGURE AS  
A BRIDE-  
GROOM  
YOURSELF,  
YOU  
KNOW.



WISH I  
COULD'VE  
SEEN IT.

BET YOU  
LOOKED  
REALLY  
GOOD, ALL  
DECKED  
OUT AS A  
BRIDE...



THAT  
WAS A  
DREAM. IT  
WOULDN'T  
LOOK  
GOOD  
IN REAL  
LIFE!

REALLY?  
BUT YOU  
LOOKED  
SO HAND-  
SOME!



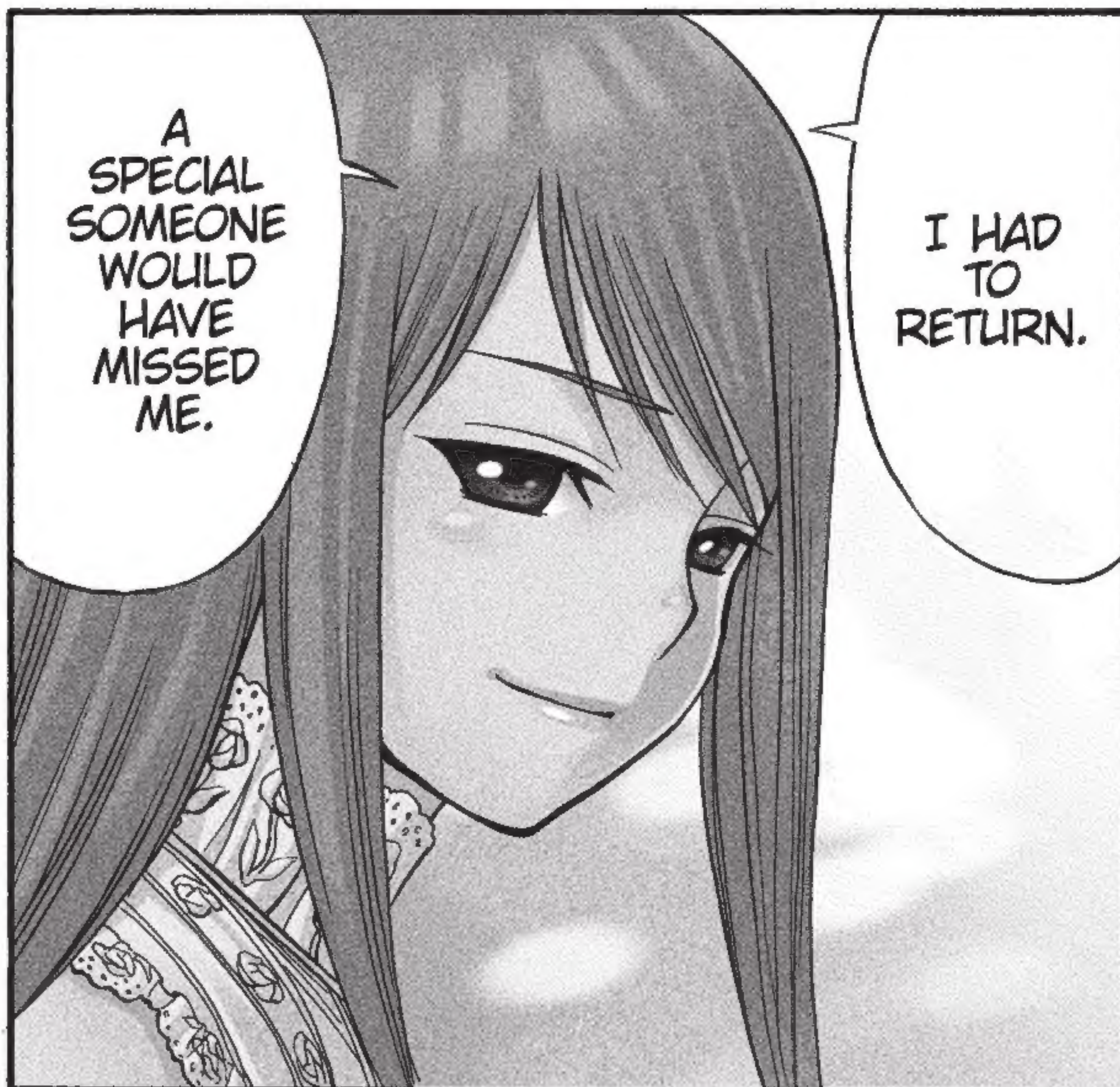
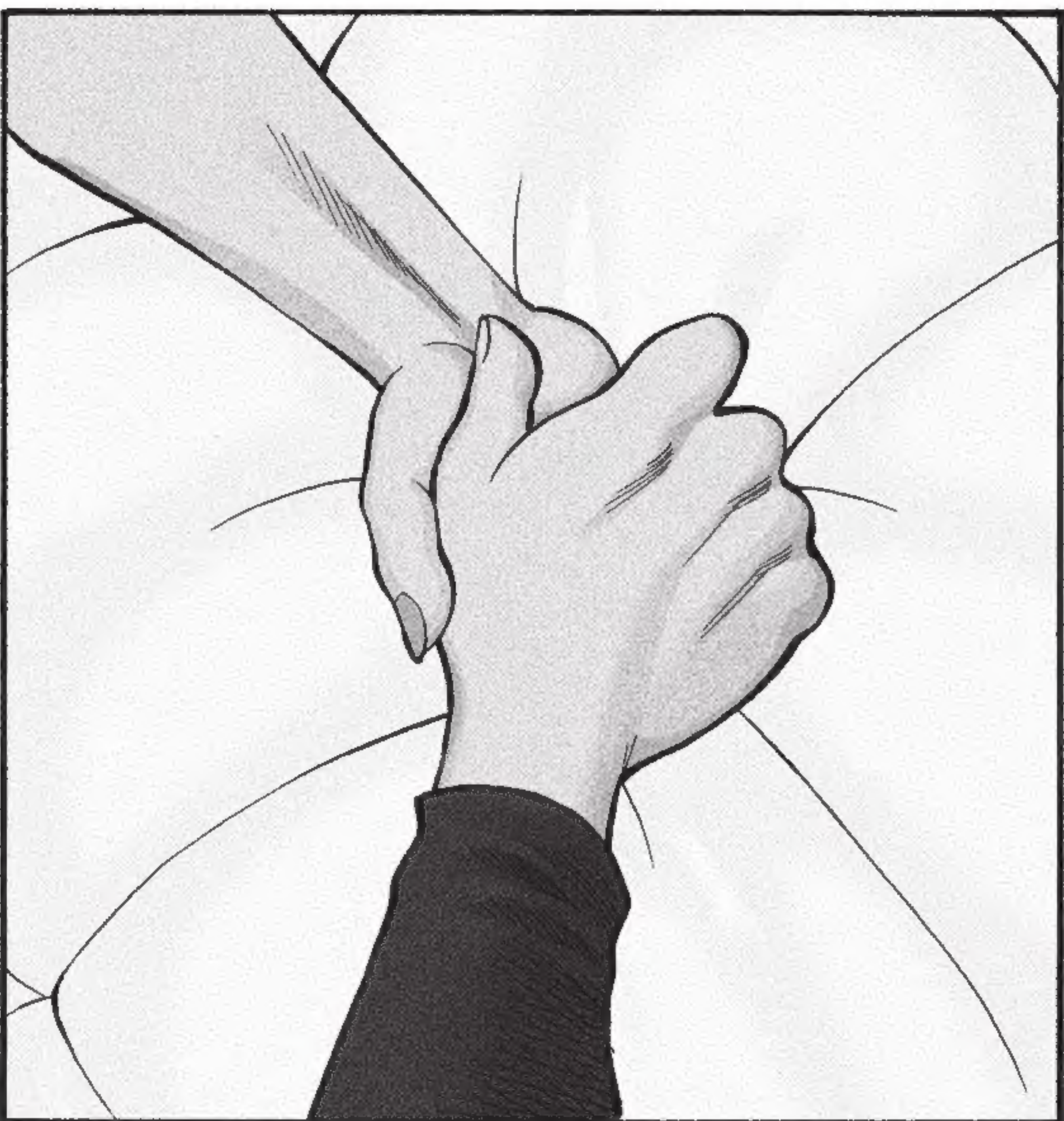
ME? HAIR  
SLICKED  
BACK AND  
PARTED  
ON THE  
SIDE?

UGH.  
I CAN'T  
SEE IT. I  
MEAN,  
SERI-  
OUSLY.



ARE YOU  
GLAD  
YOU  
CAME  
BACK?

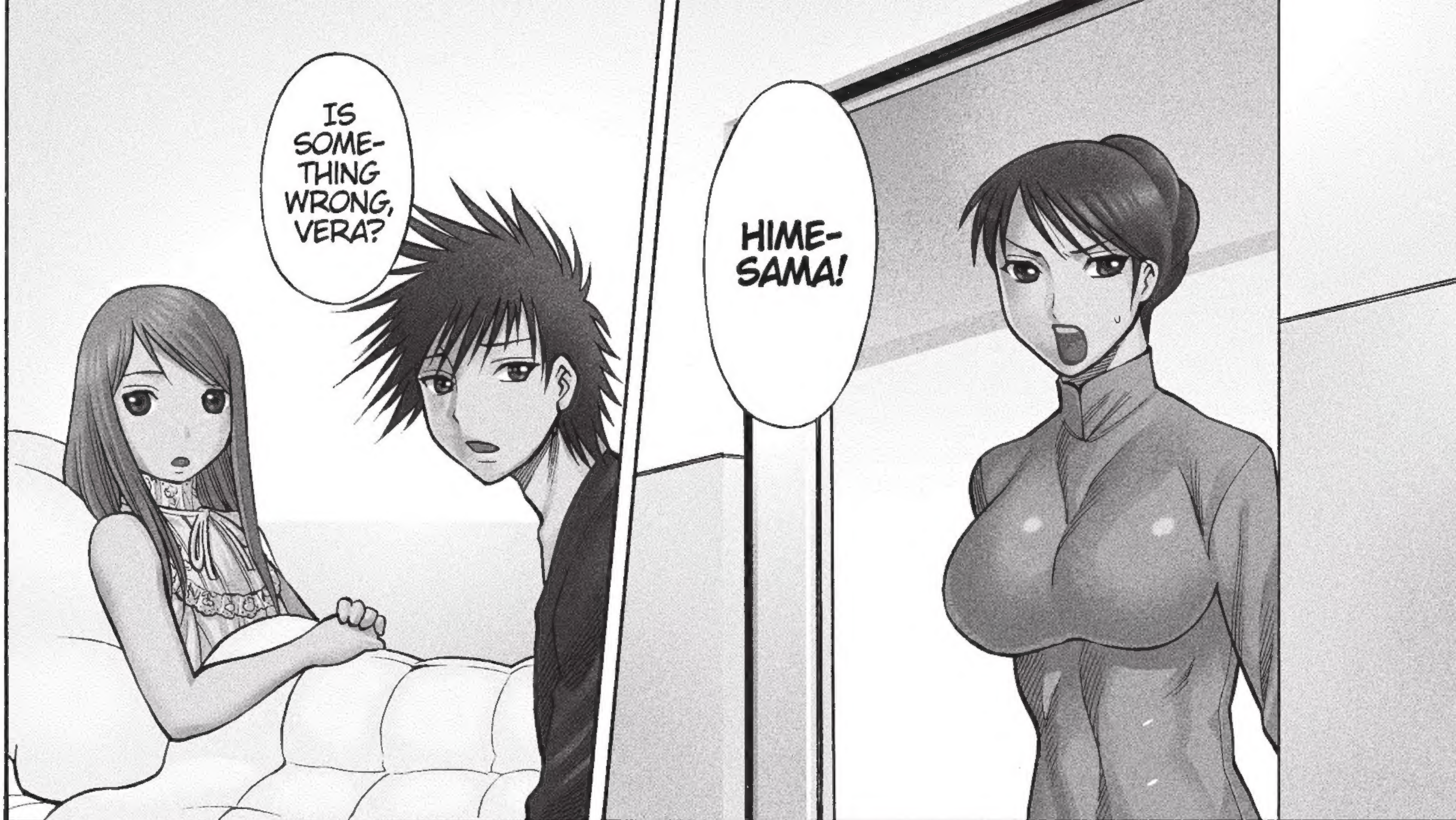
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A  
SPECIAL  
SOMEONE  
WOULD  
HAVE  
MISSED  
ME.

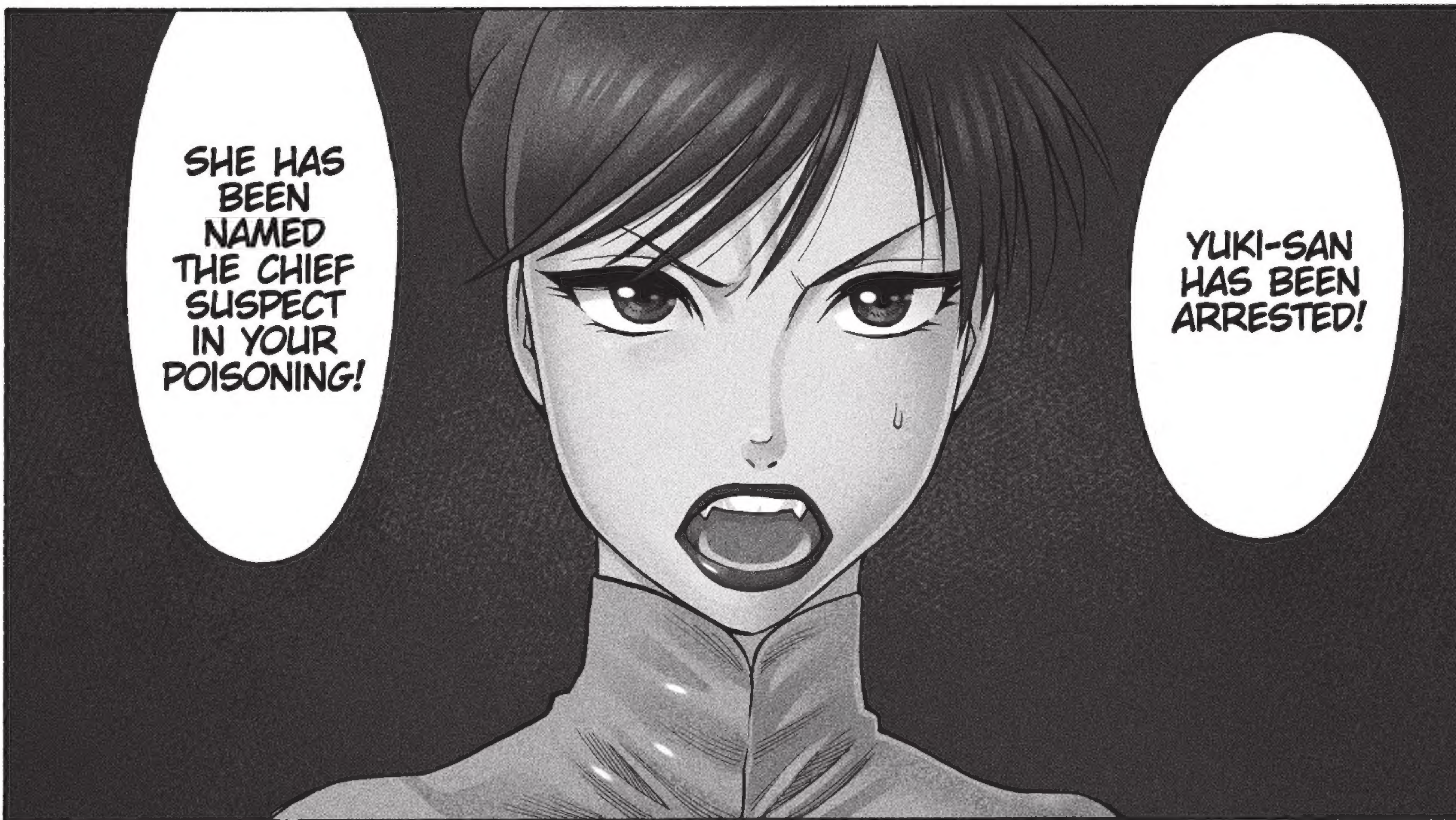
I HAD  
TO  
RETURN.





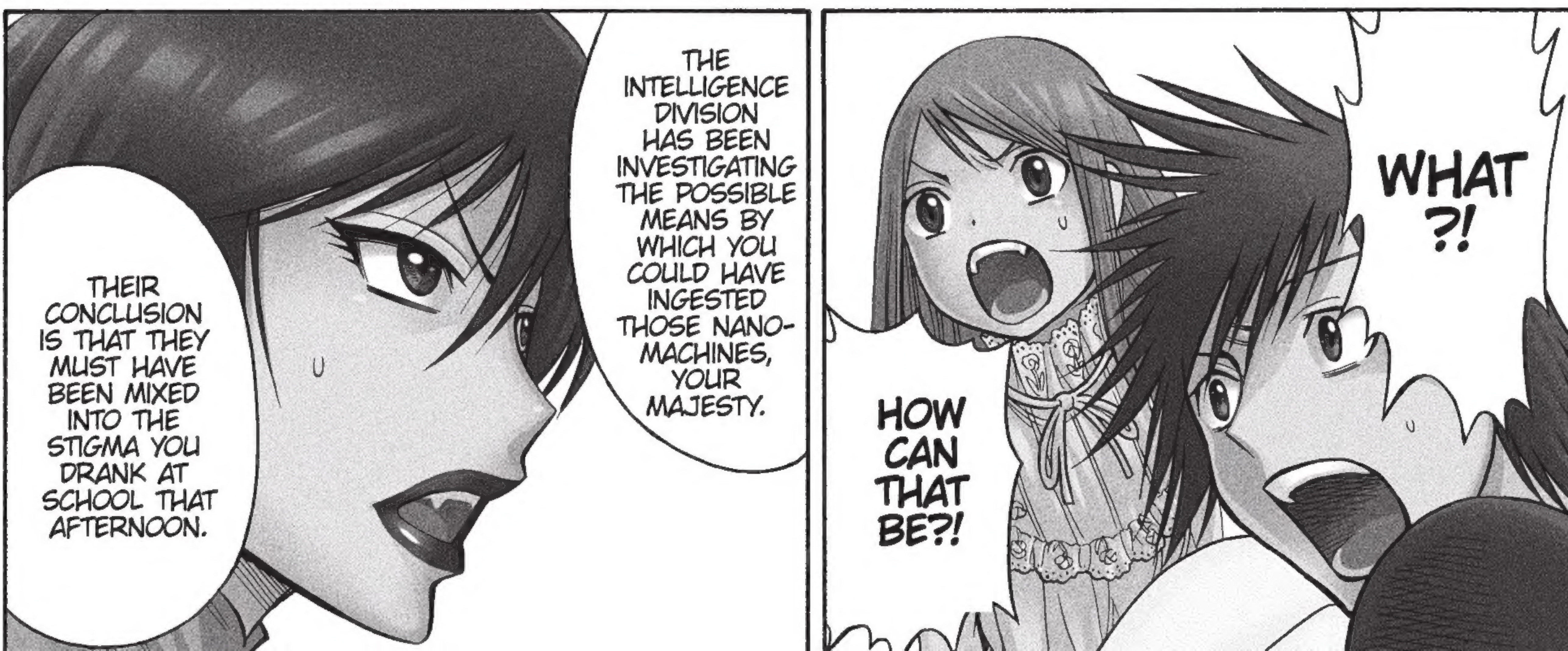
IS  
SOME-  
THING  
WRONG,  
VERA?

HIME-  
SAMA!



SHE HAS  
BEEN  
NAMED  
THE CHIEF  
SUSPECT  
IN YOUR  
POISONING!

YUKI-SAN  
HAS BEEN  
ARRESTED!



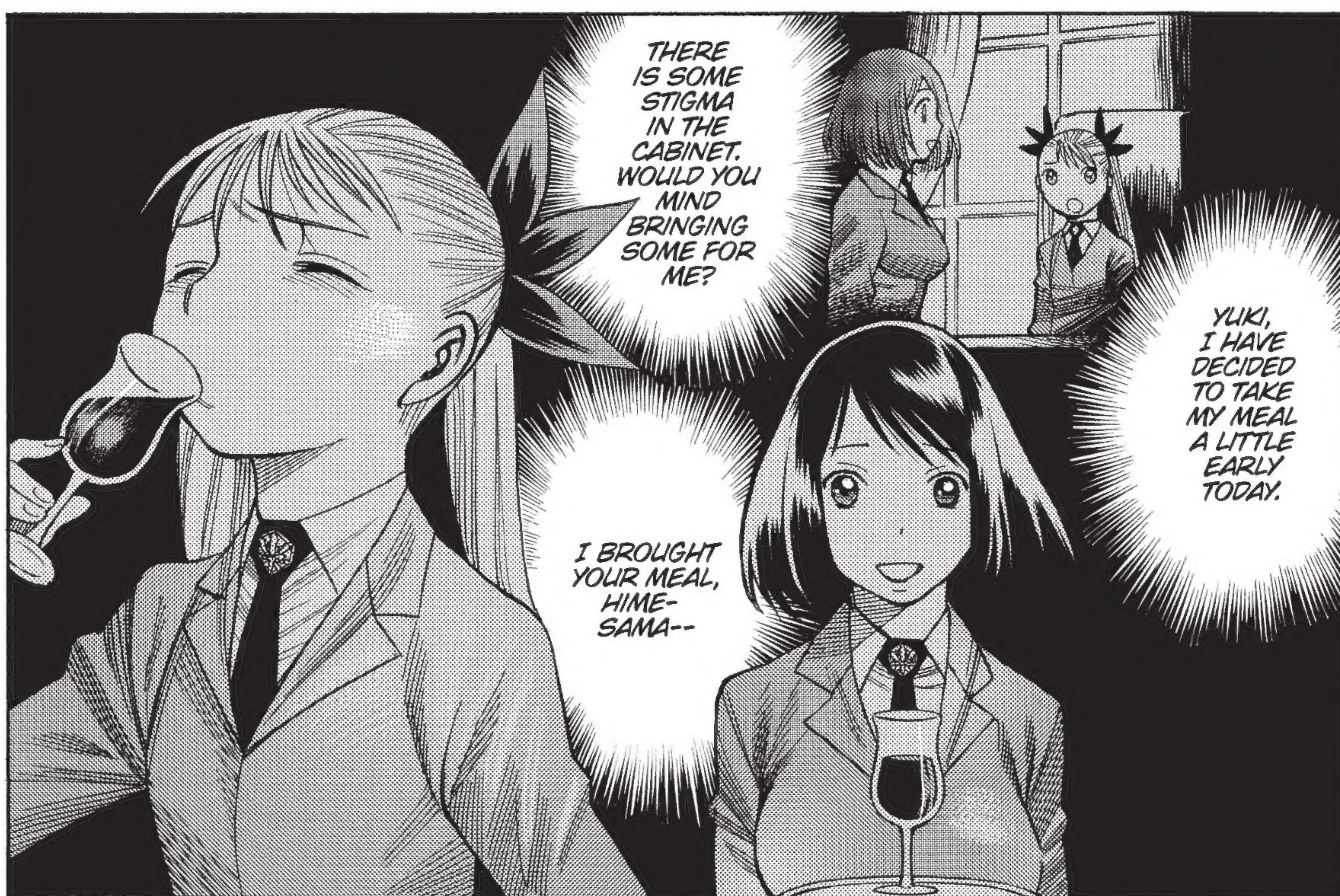
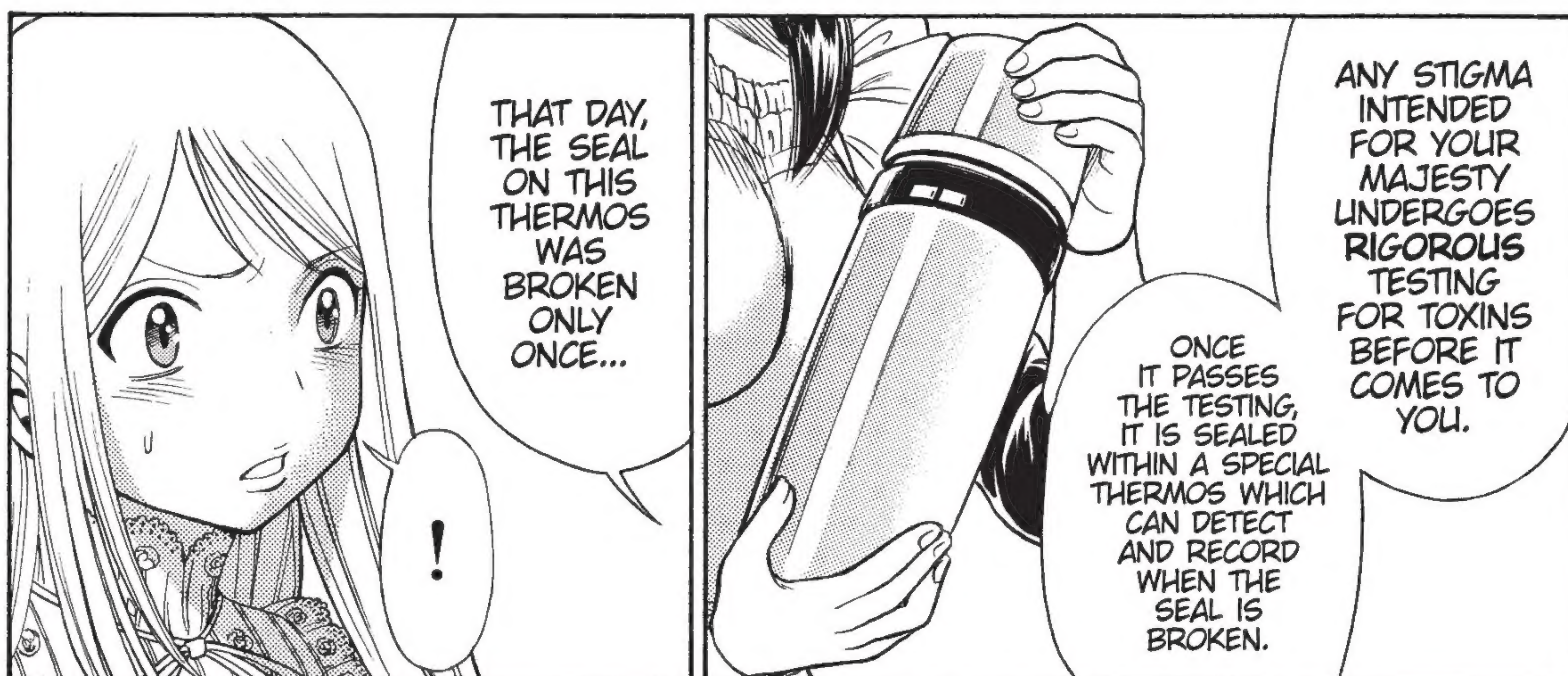
THEIR  
CONCLUSION  
IS THAT THEY  
MUST HAVE  
BEEN MIXED  
INTO THE  
STIGMA YOU  
DRANK AT  
SCHOOL THAT  
AFTERNOON.

THE  
INTELLIGENCE  
DIVISION  
HAS BEEN  
INVESTIGATING  
THE POSSIBLE  
MEANS BY  
WHICH YOU  
COULD HAVE  
INGESTED  
THOSE NANO-  
MACHINES,  
YOUR  
MAJESTY.

HOW  
CAN  
THAT  
BE?!

WHAT  
?!









DO THEY  
HAVE  
PROOF  
?!

ANY-  
THING  
THAT  
COULD  
PIN IT  
ON  
HER?!



SOMEONE  
CAME AND  
GOT ME.

SO SHE  
COULD  
BE RIGHT  
WHERE  
THEY  
COULD  
ARREST  
HER.

WAIT.  
THEN  
THAT  
MEANS  
SHE WAS  
BROUGHT  
TO THE  
HOSPITAL  
THAT  
NIGHT...



IT IS,  
OBTVIOUSLY,  
A VERY  
FAR-  
FETCHED  
CONCLU-  
SION.

HOWEVER, ONCE  
THE NANOMACHINES  
WITHIN YOUR MAJESTY  
WERE DISABLED, THEY  
SELF-DESTRUCTED AND  
DISSOLVED. THE  
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
INSISTS SOMETHING  
SIMILAR MUST HAVE  
HAPPENED TO THE  
NANOMACHINES WITHIN  
THE THERMOS.

NO  
TRACES OF  
THE NANO-  
MACHINES  
WERE FOUND  
WITHIN THE  
THERMOS.

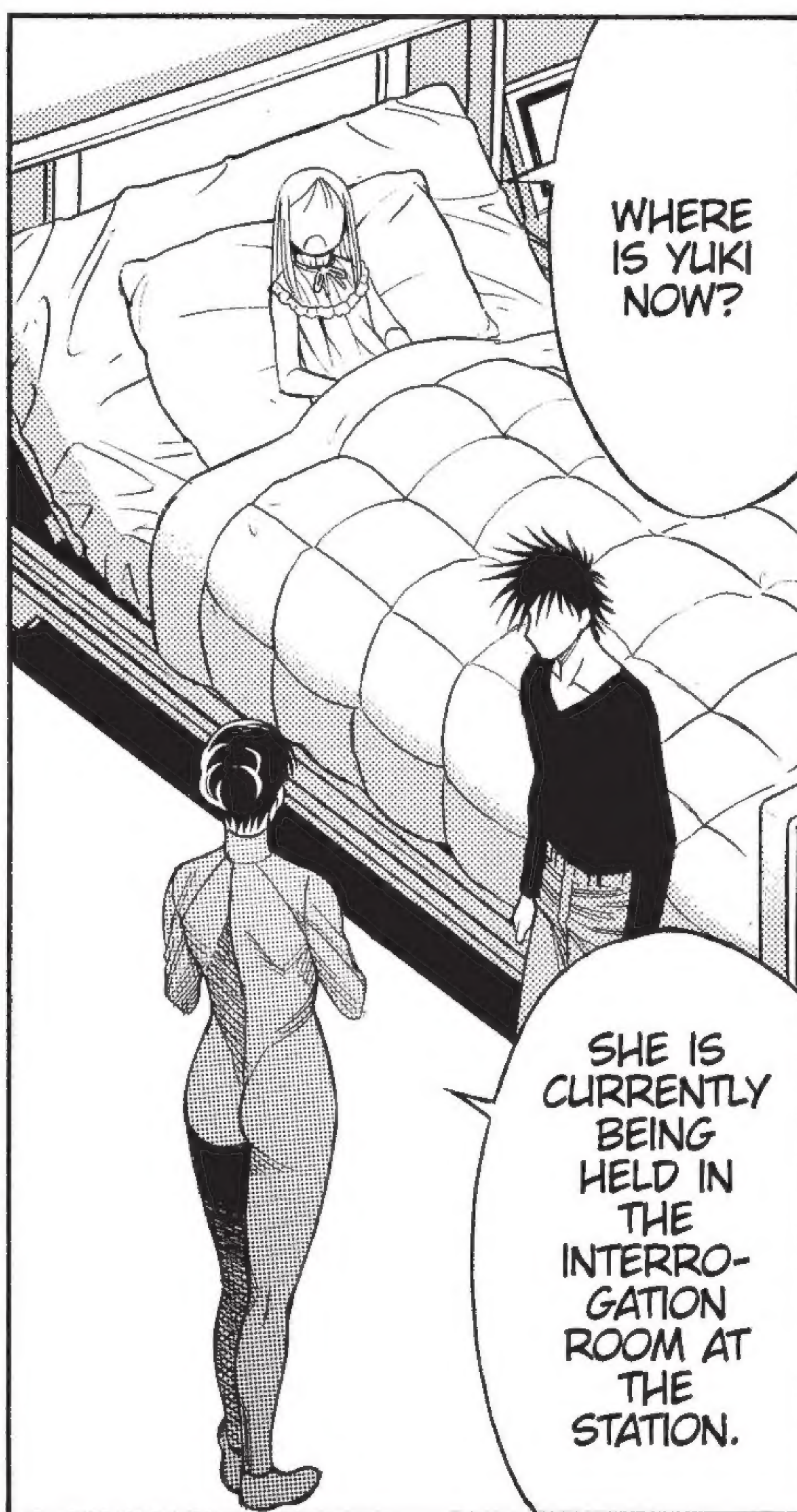


OF  
COURSE  
NOT.

I TRUST  
THAT  
NO ONE  
HAS YET  
QUES-  
TIONED  
HER?

I BELIEVE  
SHE IS  
QUITE  
SAFE FOR  
THE  
MOMENT.  
HOWEVER  
...

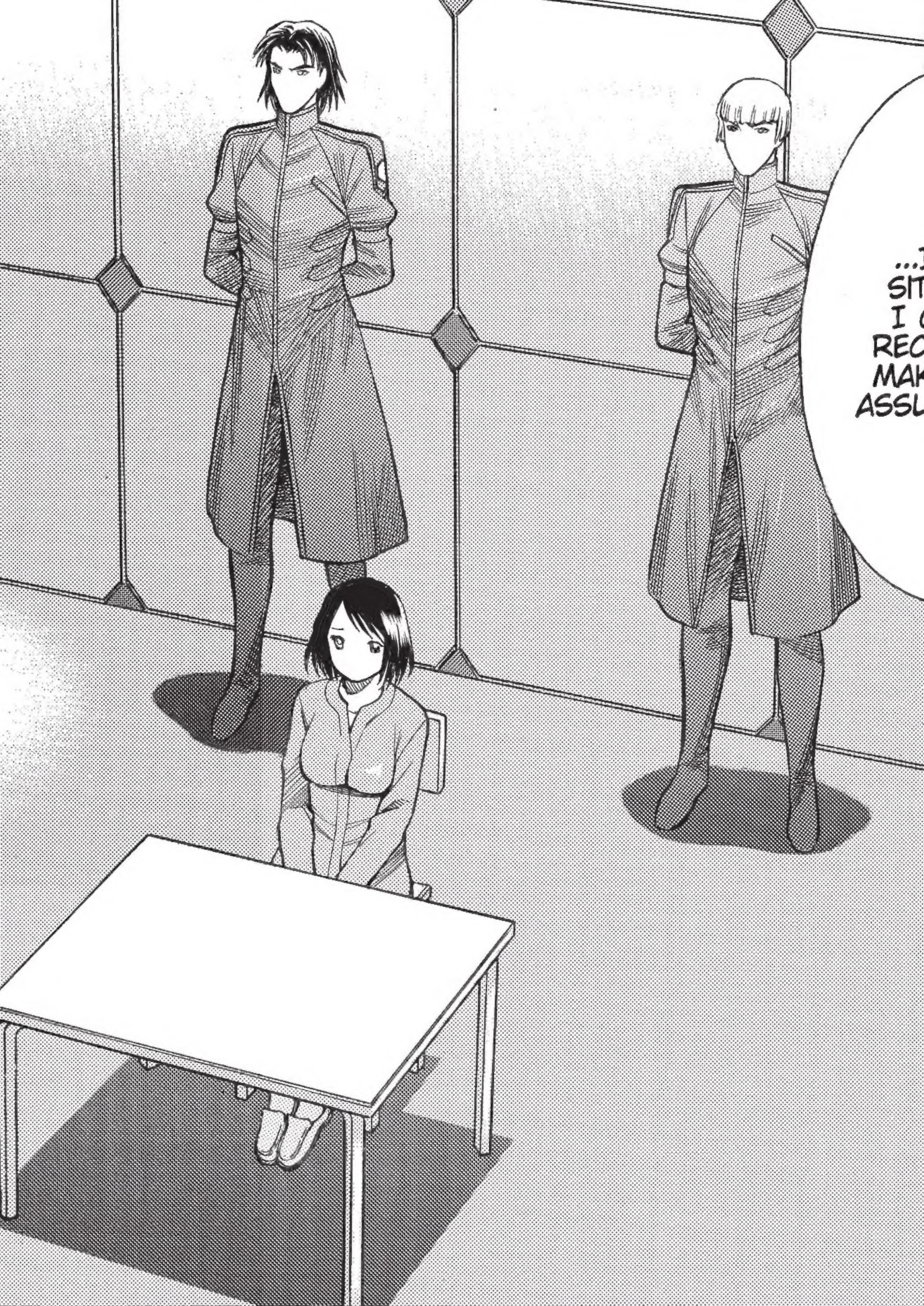
I TOOK THE  
LIBERTY OF  
ASSIGNING  
BEOWULF TO  
PROTECT HER,  
UNDER THE  
PRETENSE OF  
GUARDING  
AGAINST HER  
ESCAPE.



WHERE  
IS YUKI  
NOW?

SHE IS  
CURRENTLY  
BEING  
HELD IN  
THE  
INTERRO-  
GATION  
ROOM AT  
THE  
STATION.





...IN THIS  
SITUATION,  
I CANNOT  
RECOMMEND  
MAKING ANY  
ASSUMPTIONS.



DON'T  
FRET.



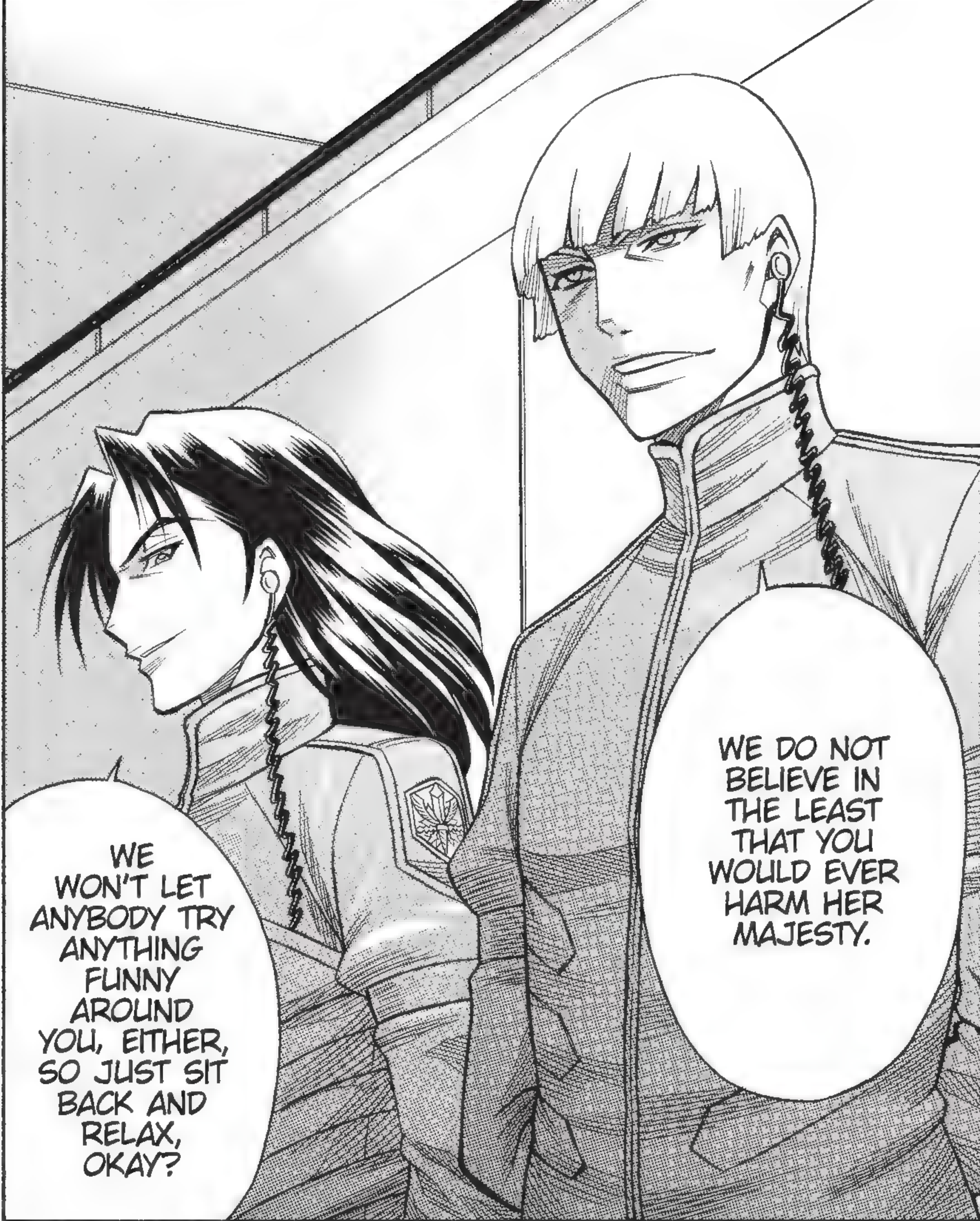




UM...  
THANK  
YOU.

BUT,  
NEVER  
MIND  
THAT...

IS...  
IS HIME-  
SAMA  
OKAY?  
SHE  
DIDN'T--



WE  
WON'T LET  
ANYBODY TRY  
ANYTHING  
FUNNY  
AROUND  
YOU, EITHER,  
SO JUST SIT  
BACK AND  
RELAX,  
OKAY?

WE DO NOT  
BELIEVE IN  
THE LEAST  
THAT YOU  
WOULD EVER  
HARM HER  
MAJESTY.



WE  
HAVE  
A  
PRO-  
BLEM.

THIS IS  
THE  
"FRONT  
GATE."

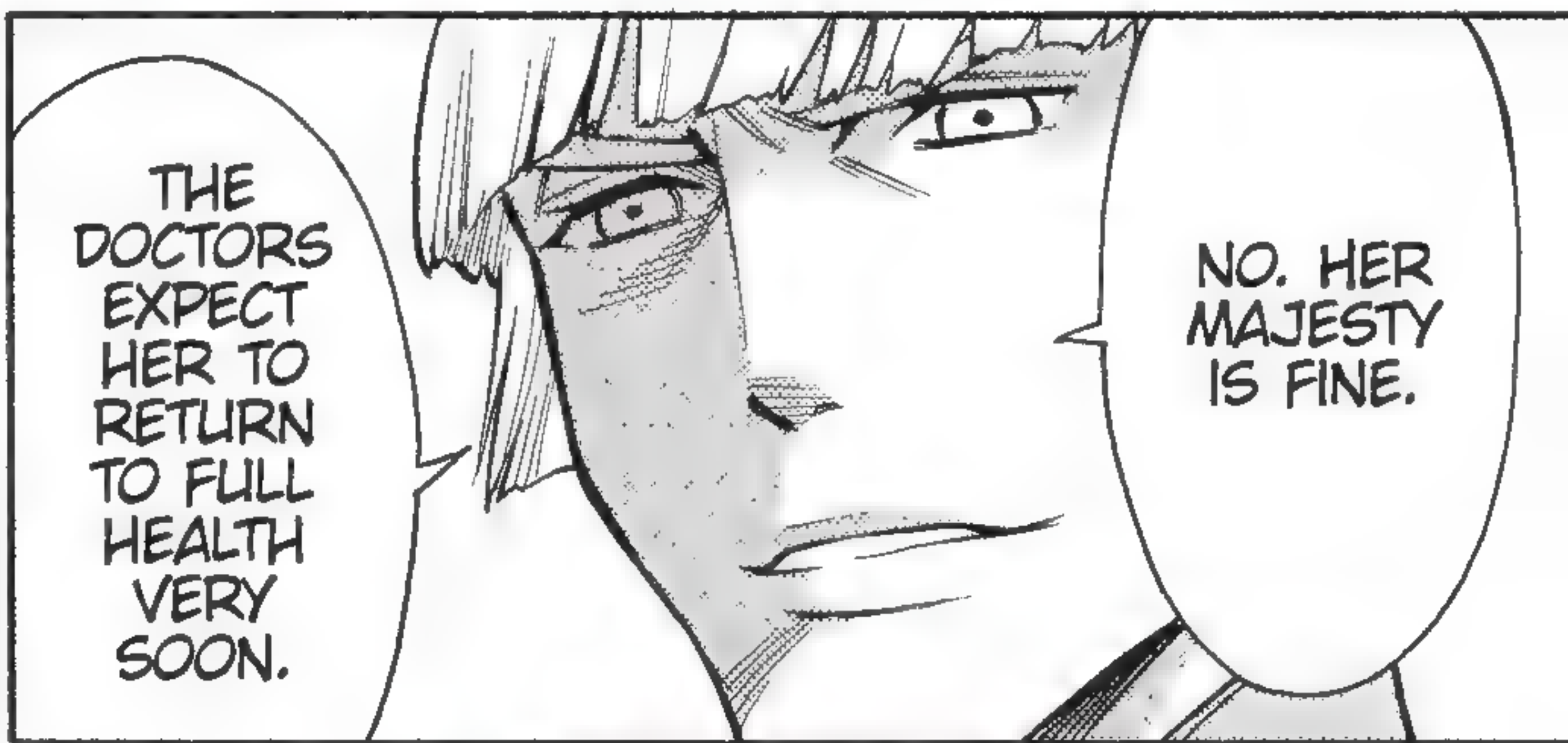


HA  
HA!  
SHE'S  
OKAY!

ER, AH,  
I-I'M  
SORRY,  
I DON'T  
MEAN  
TO--

IT'S  
JUST  
--

OH,  
THANK  
YOU!



THE  
DOCTORS  
EXPECT  
HER TO  
RETURN  
TO FULL  
HEALTH  
VERY  
SOON.

NO. HER  
MAJESTY  
IS FINE.



OH,  
THANK  
GOD...

REALLY  
...?





"OBSTRUCT-  
ING"?  
HARDLY.

WE ARE  
SIMPLY  
ATTEMPTING  
TO SAVE YOU  
UNNECESSARY  
EFFORT AND  
WORK.



WHAT IS THIS?  
DO THE BEOWULF  
HAVE SOME...  
AGENDA WE  
DO NOT  
KNOW ABOUT?  
OBSTRUCTING AN  
INVESTIGATION  
BY THE TEPE'S  
FAMILY'S OWN  
INVESTIGATIONS  
DIVISION IS A  
TREASONOUS  
OFFENSE.



TO  
SUSPECT  
THE  
SEEMINGLY  
INNOCENT  
IS OUR  
DUTY.

AND I AM  
SURE EVEN  
YOU ARE  
AWARE THAT  
MORE THAN  
ONE MONARCH  
HAS BEEN  
STABBED IN  
THE BACK BY  
ONE THAT THEY  
HAD CALLED  
"FRIEND."



YUKI-DONO  
IS HER  
MAJESTY'S  
HONORED  
SCHOOL  
FRIEND...

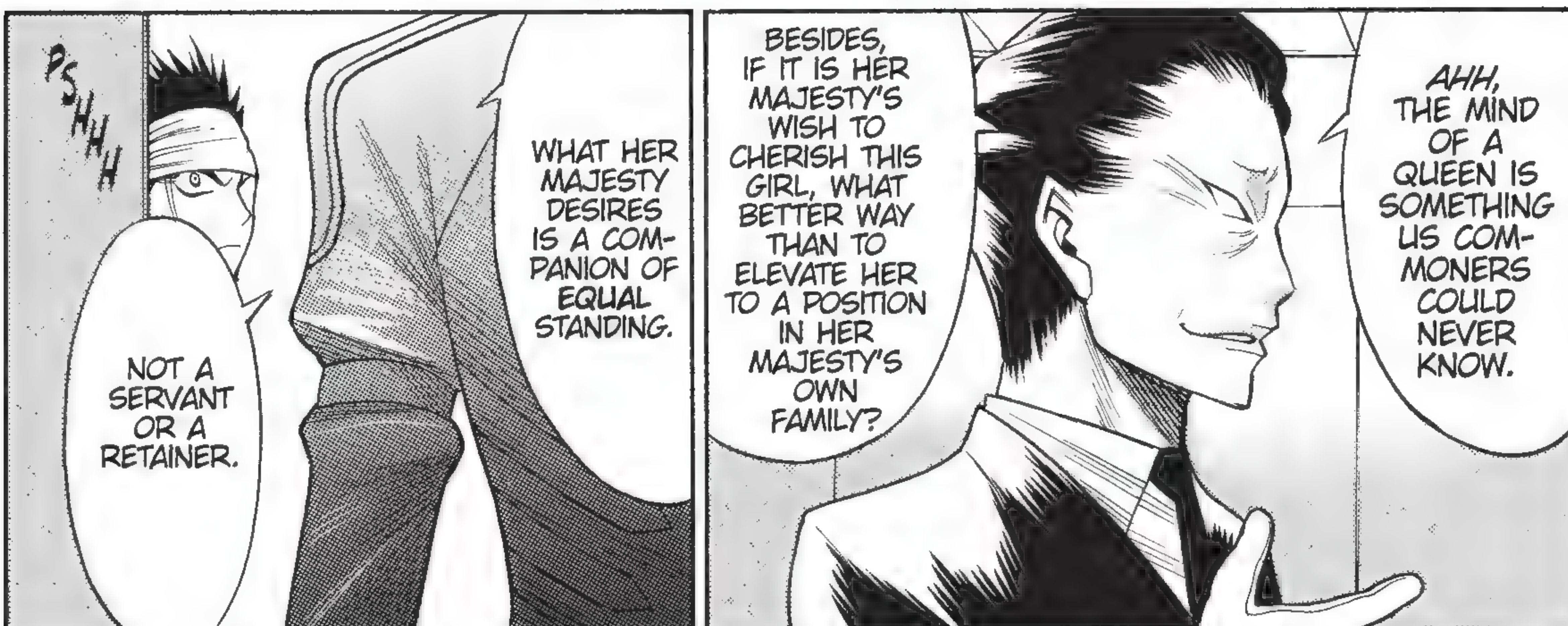
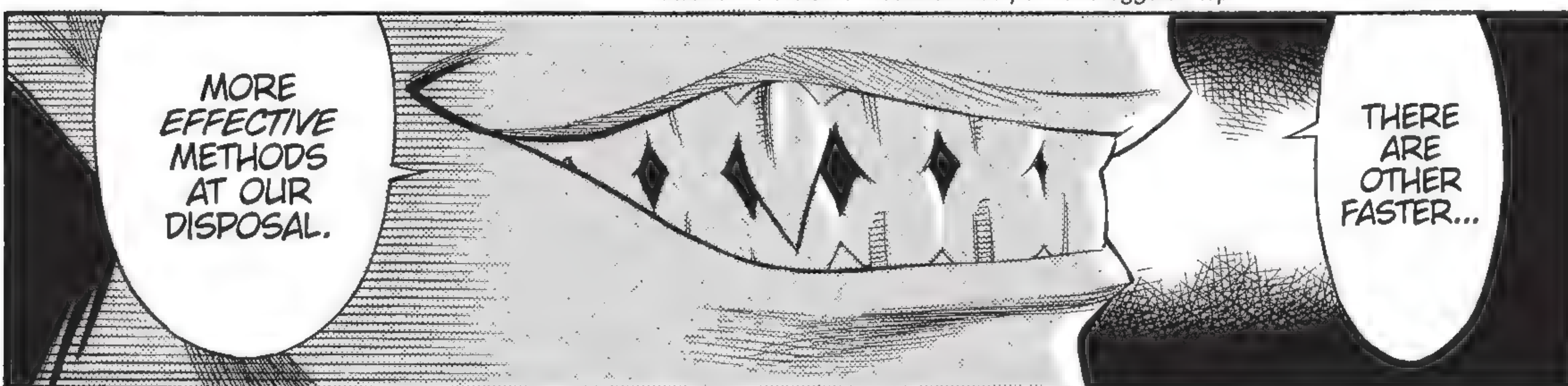
TO  
SUSPECT  
HER OF  
FOUL PLAY  
IS THE  
HEIGHT OF  
ABSURDITY!

AND HER  
MOST  
TRUSTED  
CONFIDANTE,  
BAR  
NONE.





\*Katsudon is a dish of rice with fried pork and eggs on top.







YOU  
DOUBT  
OUR  
LOYALTY?

KINDA  
HARD  
NOT  
TO...

SEEING  
THE LITTLE  
SHOW  
YOU'RE  
PUTTING  
ON HERE.



TO SERVE  
HER MAJESTY  
SO LONG AND  
SO CLOSELY  
AS YOU HAVE,  
AND YET NOT  
HAVE THE  
EYES TO  
RECOGNIZE  
HER MOST  
OBVIOUS  
DESIRE...

HOW  
DEPLOR-  
ABLE.



ACTUALLY  
IT'S YOU  
WHO'LL BE  
HAVING THE  
PROBLEM  
LATER.



YOU MAY  
BE THE  
QUEEN'S  
BLADES,  
BUT YOU  
HAVE  
OVER-  
STEPPED  
YOUR  
BOUNDS,  
BEOWULF.

THIS IS  
SOME-  
THING  
THAT MAY  
VERY WELL  
COME  
BACK TO  
HAUNT  
YOU  
LATER.



AM I  
WRONG  
?

IT'S  
ALMOST AS  
IF YOU'RE  
IN A HURRY  
TO TOSS  
SOMEBODY  
UP ON THE  
CHOPPING  
BLOCK,  
REGARDLESS  
OF WHETHER  
THEY'RE  
GUILTY OR  
NOT.





WHAT  
...?



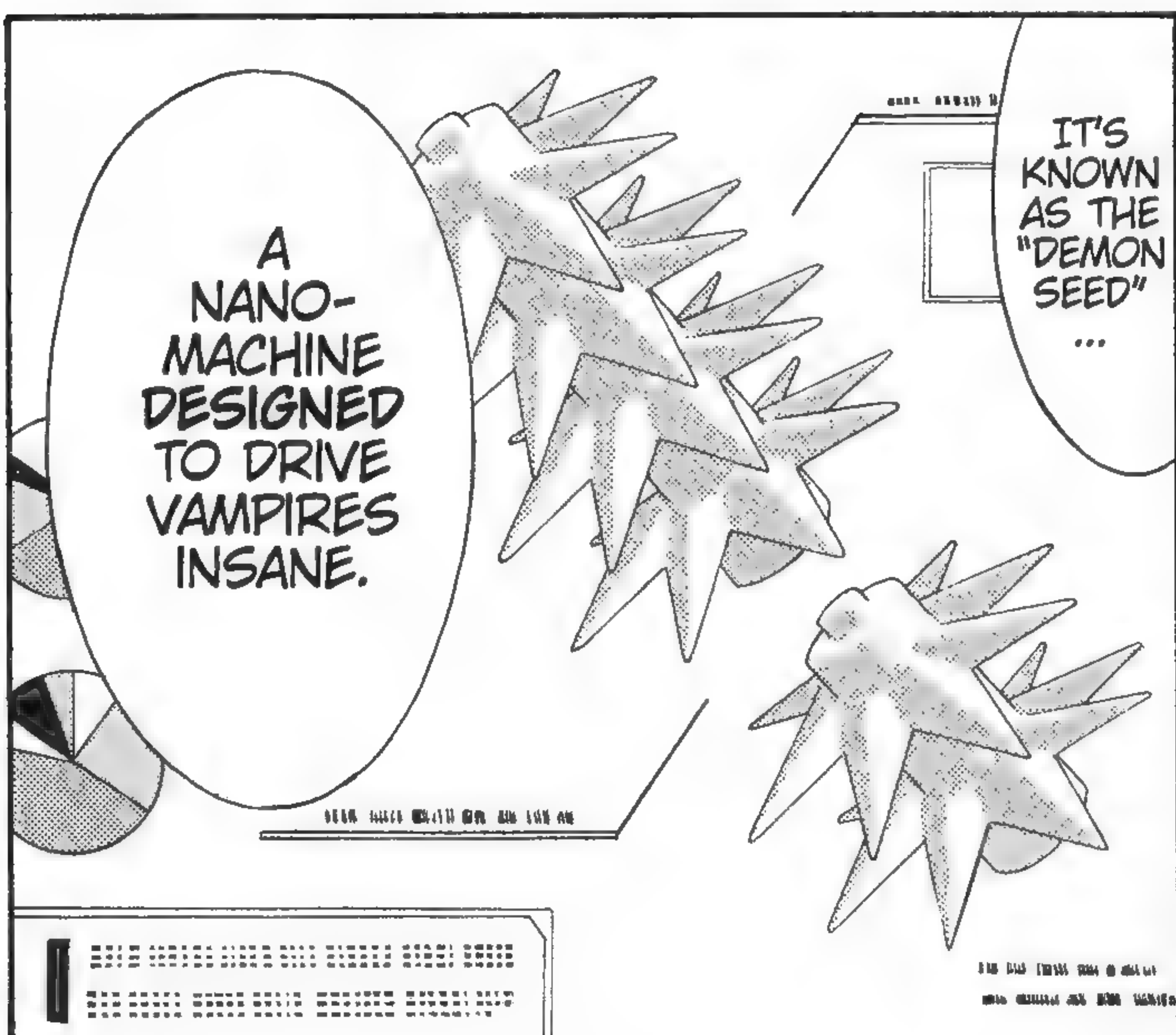
THE  
INVESTIGATIONS  
DIVISION IS  
UNDER HEAVY  
PRESSURE  
TO FIND  
THE CULPRIT  
QUICKLY.

ROMULLIS-  
DONO  
HAS HIT  
THE NAIL  
ON THE  
HEAD.



HAVE A  
LOOK.

MORE DETAILS  
SURROUNDING  
THE NANO-  
MACHINES  
THAT INFECTED  
HER MAJESTY  
HAVE COME  
TO LIGHT.



A  
NANO-  
MACHINE  
DESIGNED  
TO DRIVE  
VAMPIRES  
INSANE.

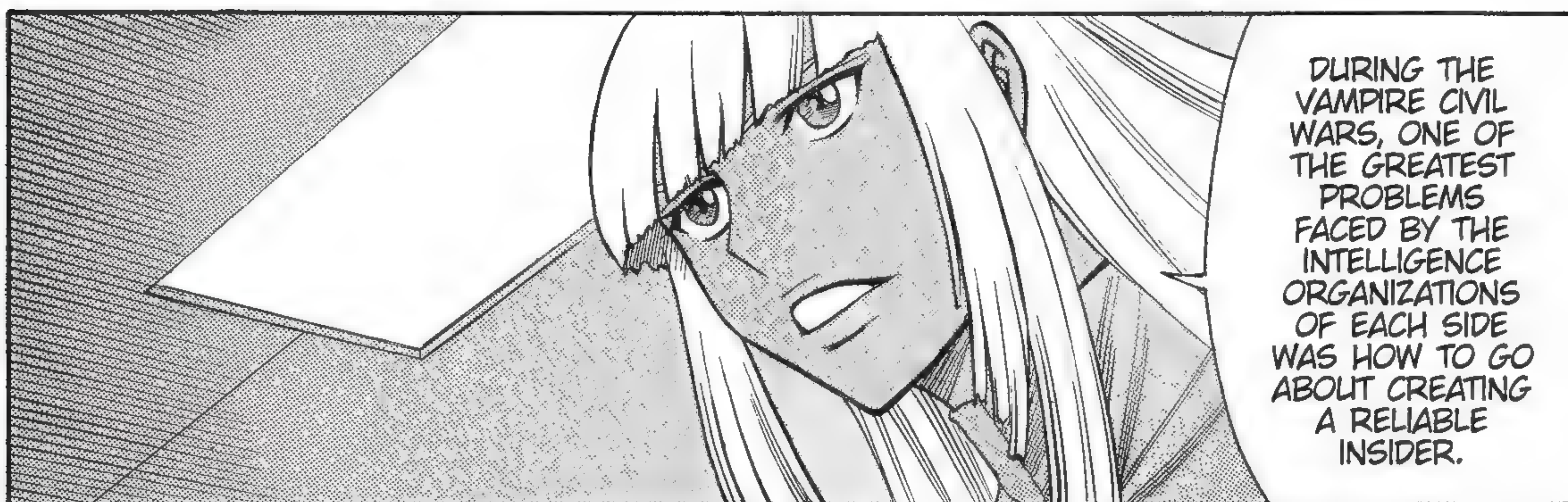
IT'S  
KNOWN  
AS THE  
"DEMON  
SEED"  
...



IT'S  
NEARLY  
IDENTICAL  
TO THE  
SPECIMEN  
USED ON  
HER  
MAJESTY.

THIS IS  
A DIAGRAM  
OF A NANO-  
MACHINE  
DEVELOPED  
ONLY A  
FEW YEARS  
AGO.





DURING THE VAMPIRE CIVIL WARS, ONE OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS FACED BY THE INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS OF EACH SIDE WAS HOW TO GO ABOUT CREATING A RELIABLE INSIDER.



HOWEVER, THAT "INSTINCT" TO OBEY...

IS THE CORNER-STONE ON WHICH PEACE AND ORDER WITHIN VAMPIRIC SOCIETY IS BUILT.



AND ONLY BY OUR UNIQUE "REPRO-GRAMMING" TECHNIQUE CAN A VAMPIRE BE COMPELLED TO SERVE A DIFFERENT MASTER.

THAT METHOD IS ONE THAT WILL NOT REMAIN CONCEALED OR PROPRIETARY FOR MUCH LONGER.

HOWEVER, IN TODAY'S WORLD OF GENETIC TESTING AND DEEP-PSYCHE ANALYSIS...



AND NOBILITY OBEY ROYALTY.

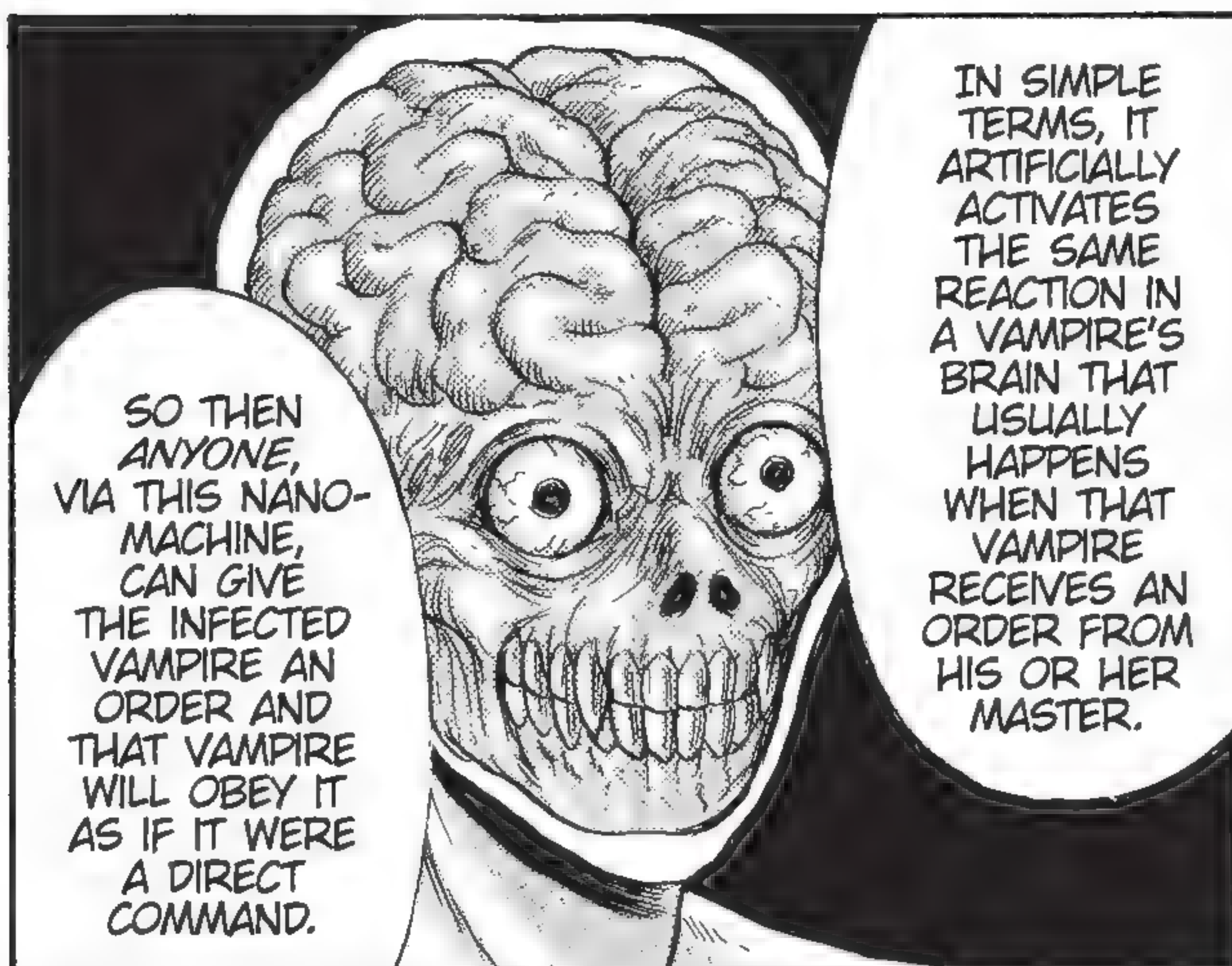
IN THE SAME FASHION, THE COMMONERS OBEY THE NOBILITY.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, VAMPIRIC SOCIETY IS RULED BY A VERY STRICT HIERARCHY. THE ONE WHO HAS HIS BLOOD DRUNK OBEYS ABSOLUTELY THE ONE WHO DRINKS HIS BLOOD.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH ONE WISHES TO DO OTHERWISE, ONCE THE COMMAND IS GIVEN, IT IS **PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE** TO DISOBEY.

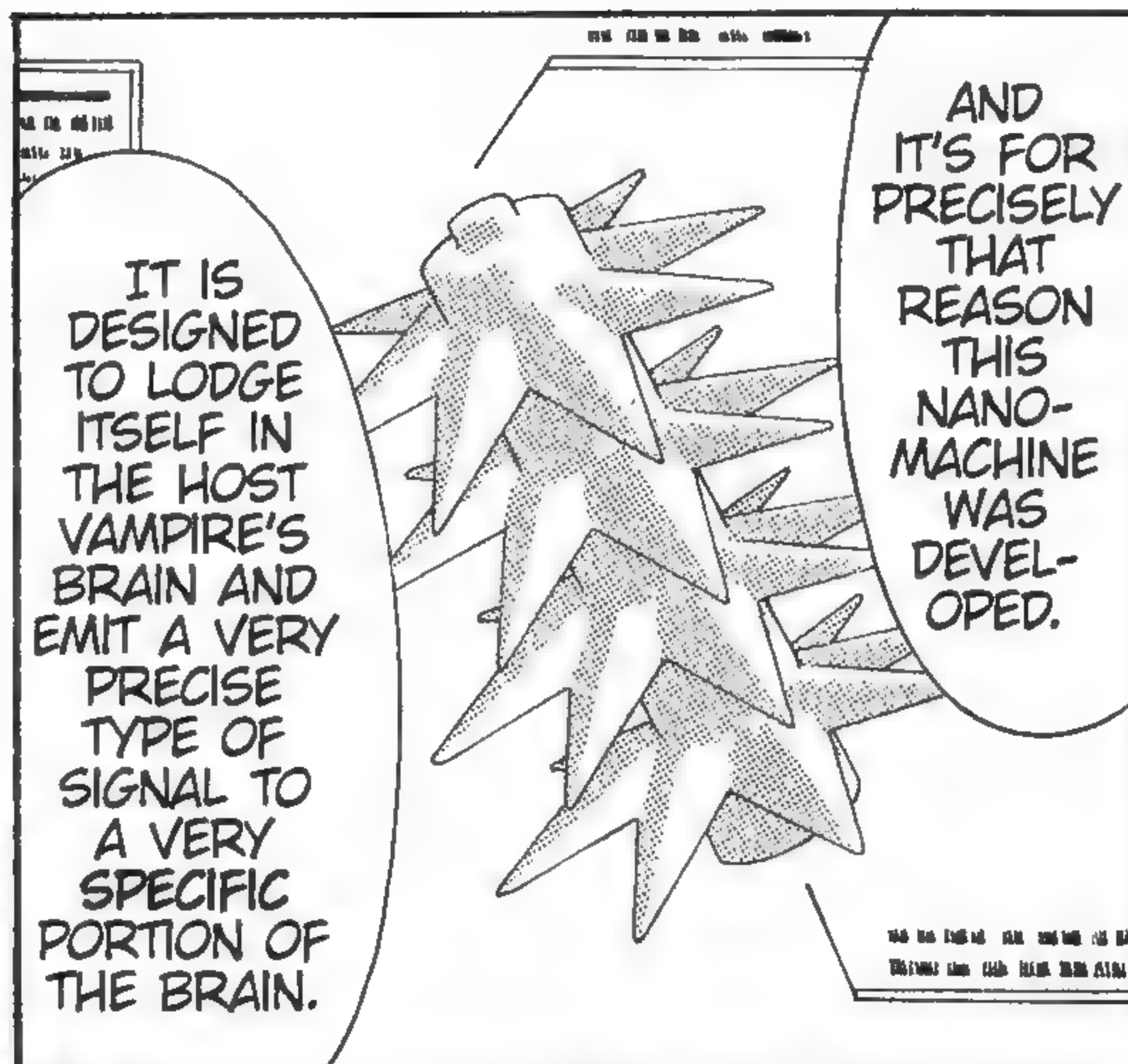
THIS ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE IS ENGRAINED SO DEEPLY IN VAMPIRE GENETICS, IT CAN ALMOST BE CALLED **INSTINCT**.





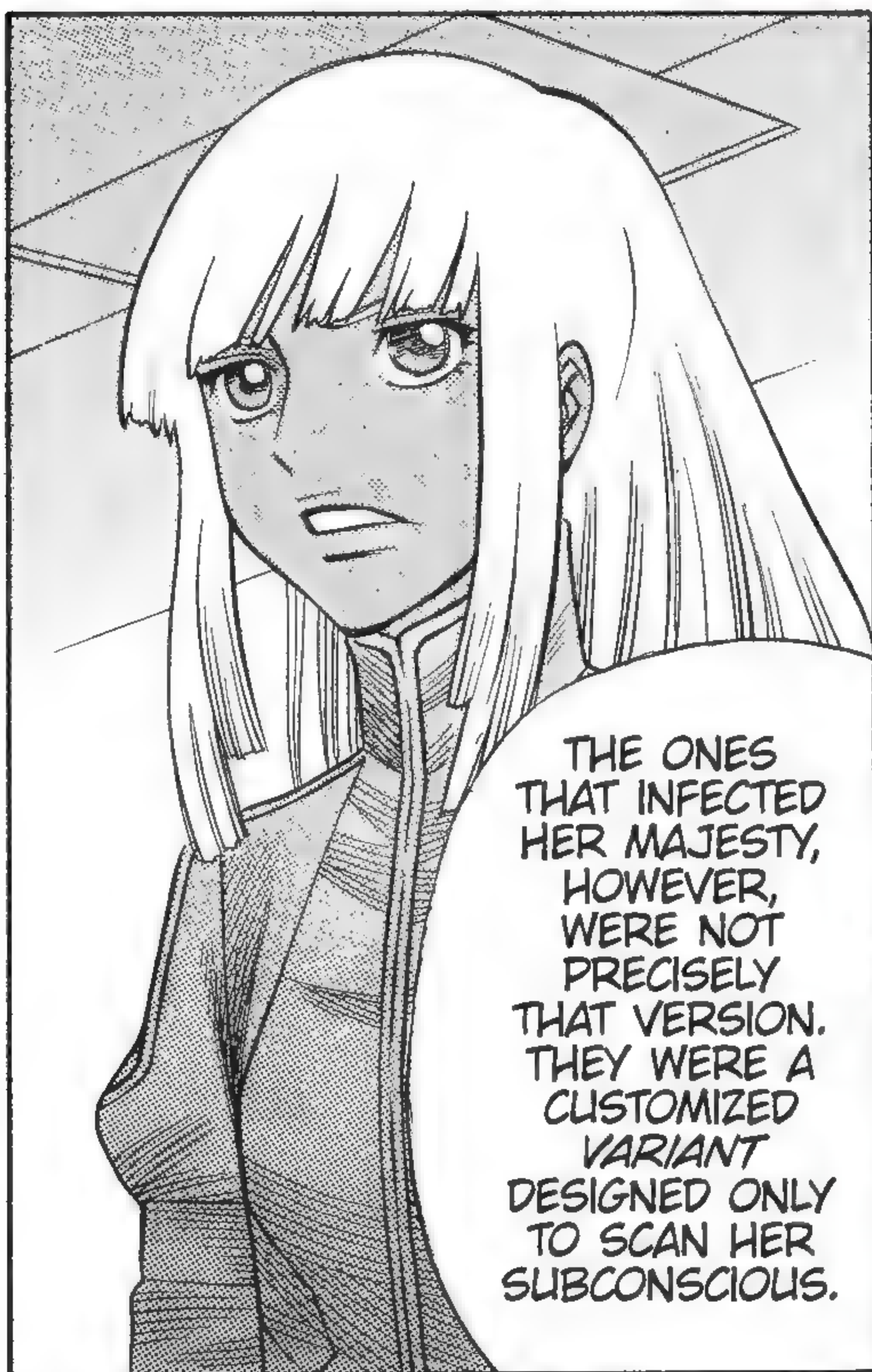
SO THEN ANYONE, VIA THIS NANO-MACHINE, CAN GIVE THE INFECTED VAMPIRE AN ORDER AND THAT VAMPIRE WILL OBEY IT AS IF IT WERE A DIRECT COMMAND.

IN SIMPLE TERMS, IT ARTIFICIALLY ACTIVATES THE SAME REACTION IN A VAMPIRE'S BRAIN THAT USUALLY HAPPENS WHEN THAT VAMPIRE RECEIVES AN ORDER FROM HIS OR HER MASTER.

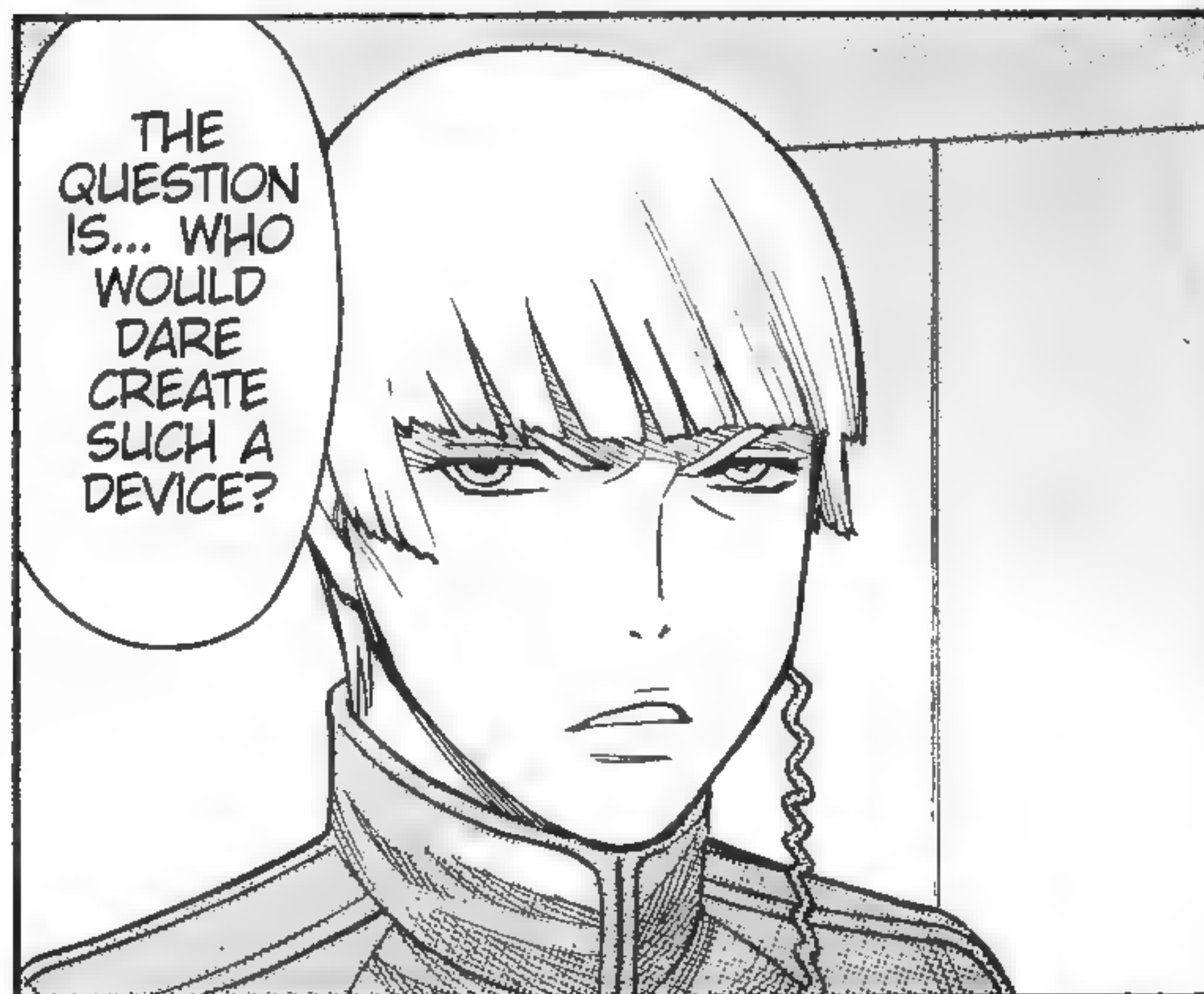


IT IS DESIGNED TO LODGE ITSELF IN THE HOST VAMPIRE'S BRAIN AND EMIT A VERY PRECISE TYPE OF SIGNAL TO A VERY SPECIFIC PORTION OF THE BRAIN.

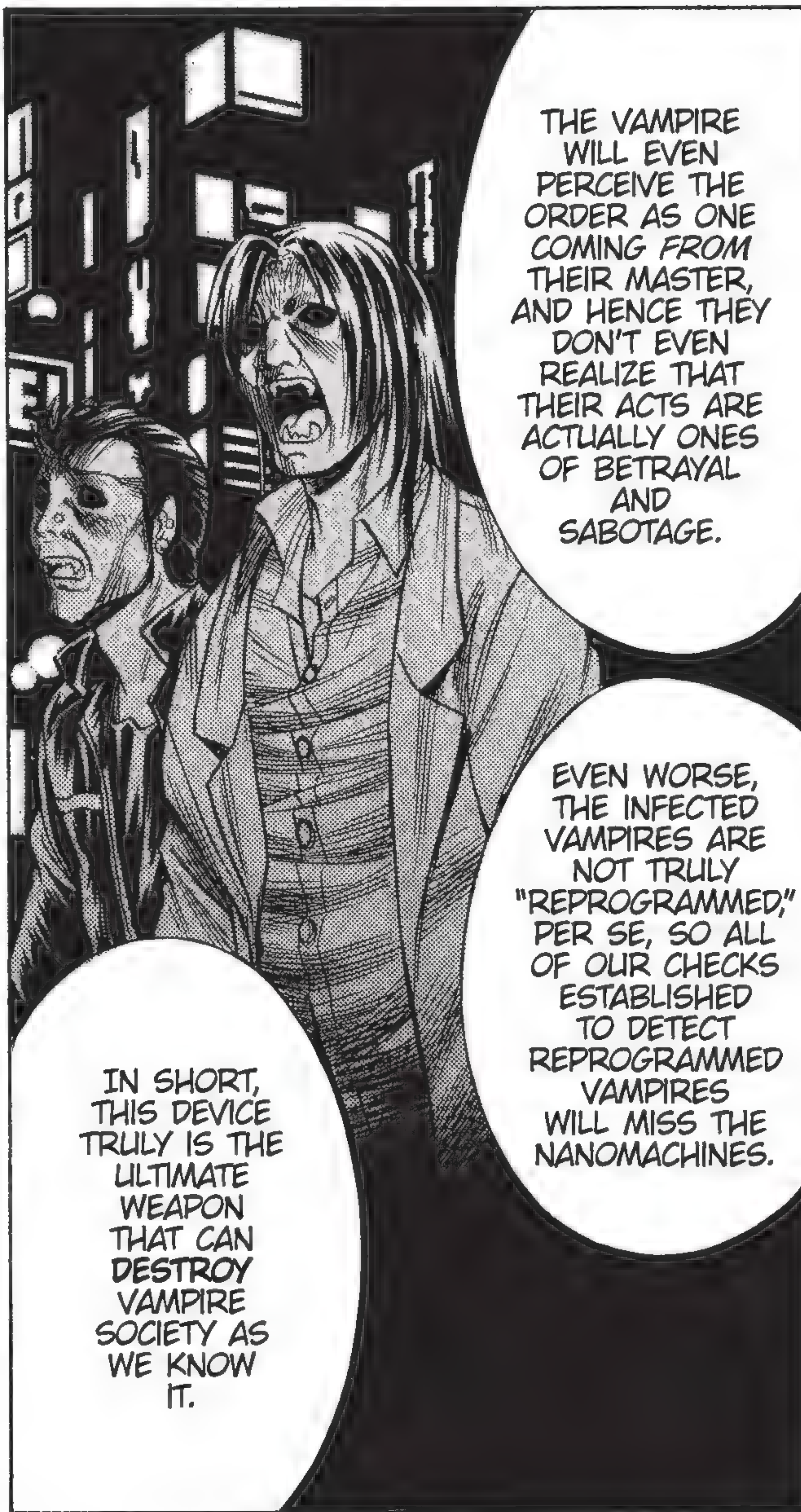
AND IT'S FOR PRECISELY THAT REASON THIS NANO-MACHINE WAS DEVELOPED.



THE ONES THAT INFECTED HER MAJESTY, HOWEVER, WERE NOT PRECISELY THAT VERSION. THEY WERE A CUSTOMIZED VARIANT DESIGNED ONLY TO SCAN HER SUBCONSCIOUS.



THE QUESTION IS... WHO WOULD DARE CREATE SUCH A DEVICE?

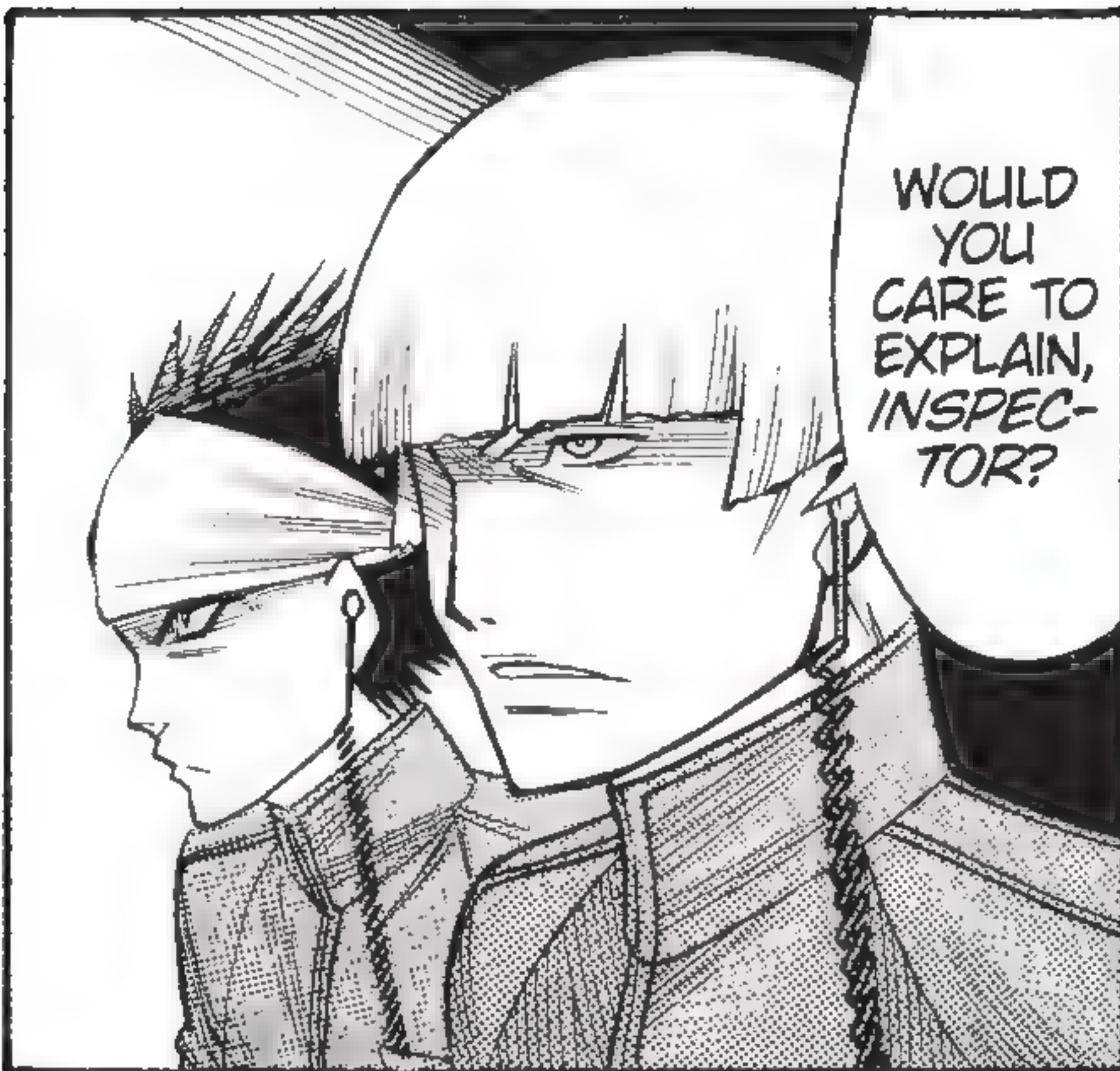


THE VAMPIRE WILL EVEN PERCEIVE THE ORDER AS ONE COMING FROM THEIR MASTER, AND HENCE THEY DON'T EVEN REALIZE THAT THEIR ACTS ARE ACTUALLY ONES OF BETRAYAL AND SABOTAGE.

EVEN WORSE, THE INFECTED VAMPIRES ARE NOT TRULY "REPROGRAMMED," PER SE, SO ALL OF OUR CHECKS ESTABLISHED TO DETECT REPROGRAMMED VAMPIRES WILL MISS THE NANOMACHINES.

IN SHORT, THIS DEVICE TRULY IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY VAMPIRE SOCIETY AS WE KNOW IT.



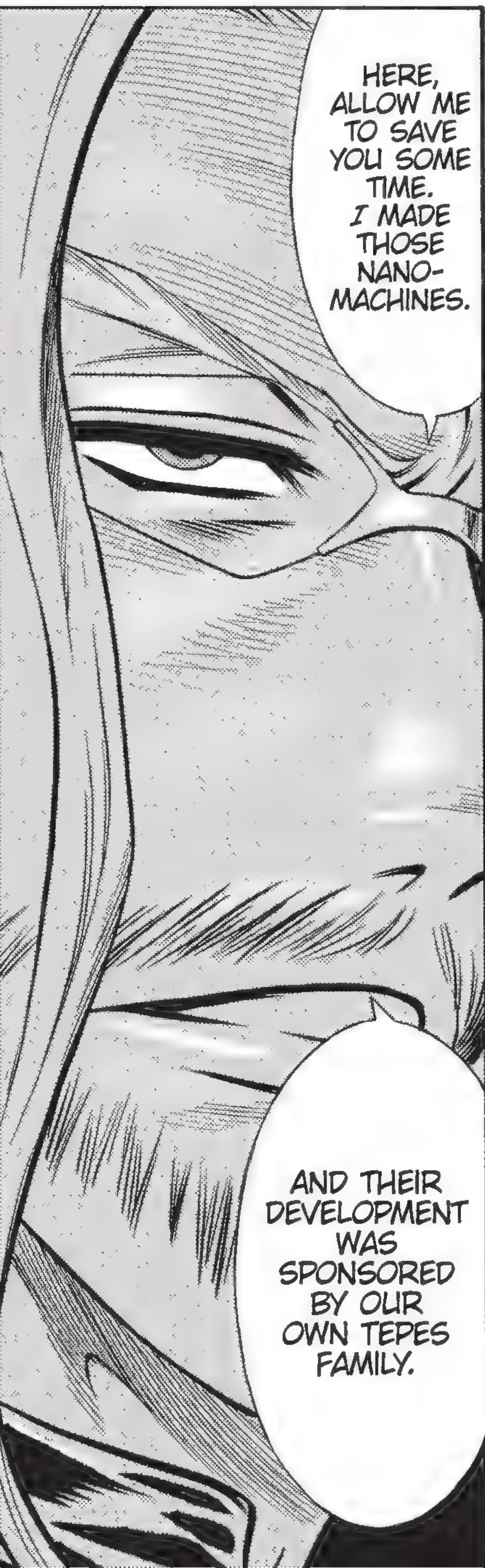


WOULD YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN, INSPECTOR?



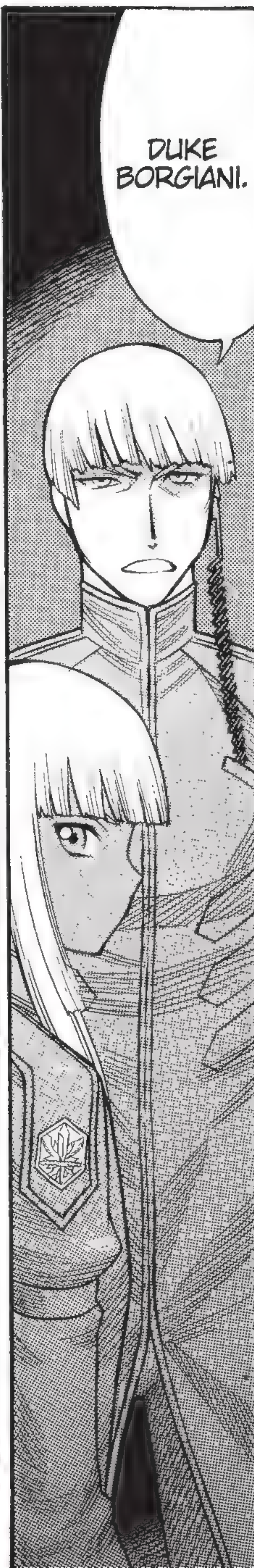
FOR THAT ANSWER, I MUST DEFER TO THESE GENTLEMEN. THEY WOULD KNOW FAR BETTER THAN I.

CORRECT?



HERE, ALLOW ME TO SAVE YOU SOME TIME. I MADE THOSE NANO-MACHINES.

AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT WAS SPONSORED BY OUR OWN TEPES FAMILY.



DUKE BORGIANI.



DON'T BE SO MEAN TO THE POOR MAN. YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT OUT THERE.

THAT'LL BE QUITE ENOUGH OF THAT.

TOK





HOWEVER, BEFORE YOU JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS, OUR DESIGN NEVER REACHED COMPLETION.

THEY WERE GOING TO BE OUR SECRET WEAPON IN THE WAR WITH THE THREE GREAT LORDS THAT WE ALL KNOW IS COMING.

ABSO-  
LUTELY.

THE ROYAL FAMILY COMMISSIONED THEM?!



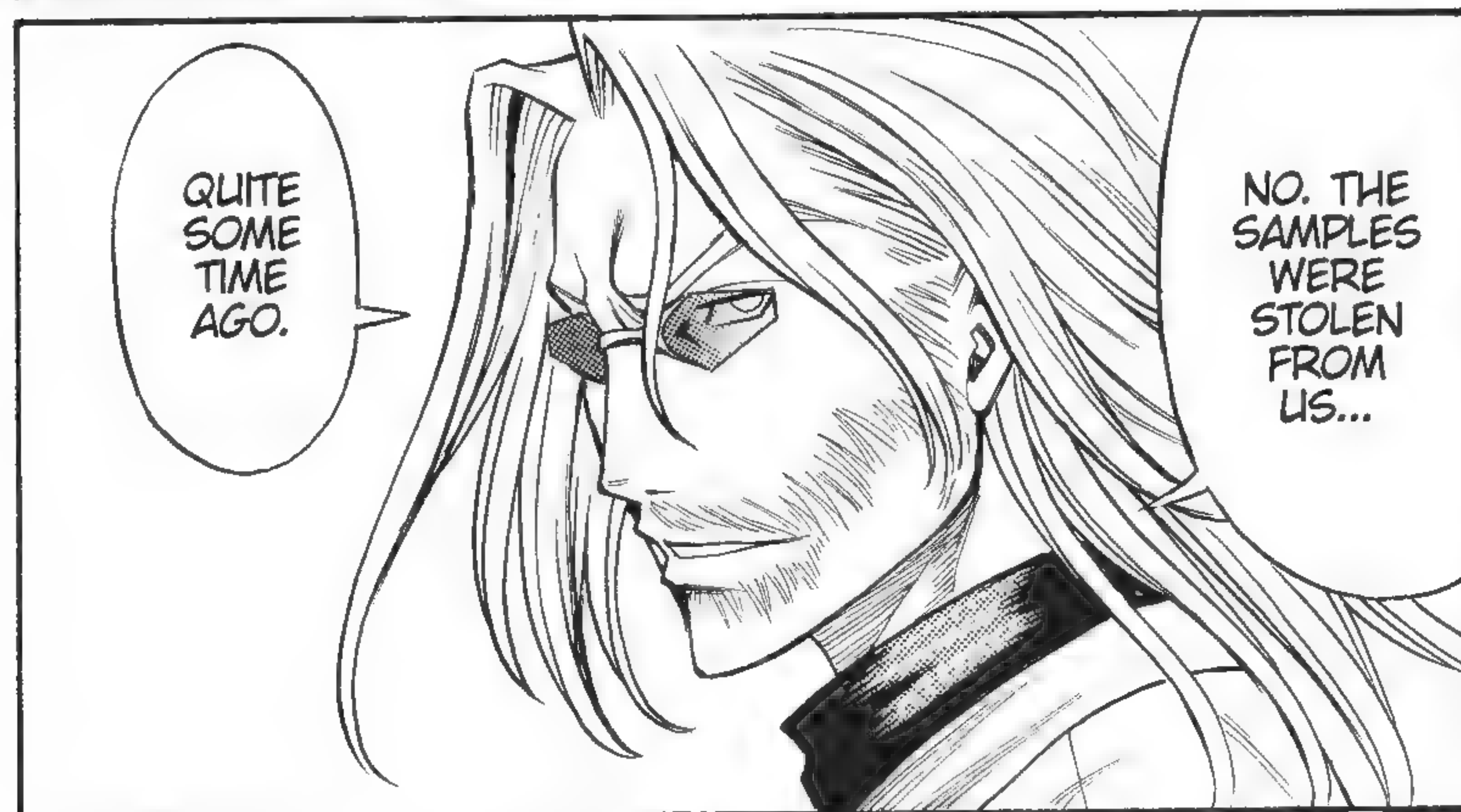
WHAT? WAS THAT NOT YOU?

BUT NOW SOMEONE HAS MANAGED NOT ONLY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, BUT TO IMPROVE UPON OUR DESIGN.



THE PROJECT WAS FROZEN, AND ALL SAMPLES WERE SEALED AWAY.

IN TESTING, WE DISCOVERED THAT IT WREKED HAVOC WITH A SUBJECT'S METABOLISM.



QUITE SOME TIME AGO.

NO. THE SAMPLES WERE STOLEN FROM US...



BEYOND THAT, ANGIE WOULD KNOW MORE.

THE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION HAS BEEN GOING NEARLY INSANE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE THIEF.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ONLY DISCOVERED THAT FACT A SCANT TWO WEEKS AGO.





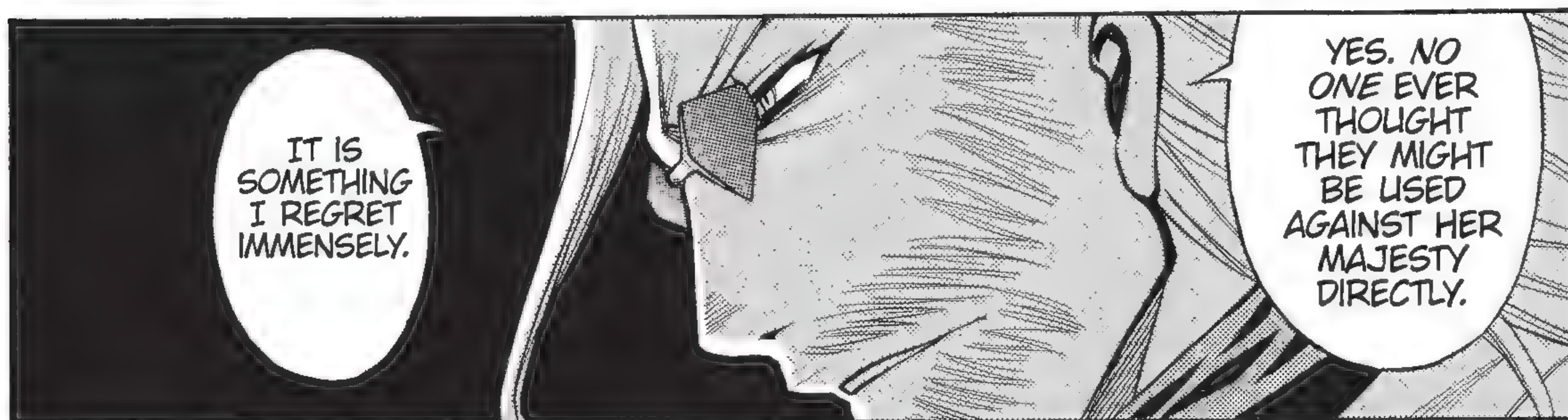
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT --

PART OF THE REASON THE SENATE DISPATCHED ME HERE WAS BECAUSE OF THAT THEFT.



WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS NANOMACHINE PROJECT FOR SOME TIME NOW, AND HAVE BEEN KEEPING A CAREFUL, QUIET EYE ON IT.

YES. ASIDE FROM COMMANDING BEOWULF, THE EARTH CLAN SENATE ALSO HOLDS THE DUTY OF KEEPING WATCH OVER THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE TEPES FAMILY AS AN ORGANIZATION.



IT IS SOMETHING I REGRET IMMENSELY.

YES. NO ONE EVER THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE USED AGAINST HER MAJESTY DIRECTLY.



THE PATH HER MAJESTY MUST WALK IS NOT A STRAIGHT, SHINING ROAD OF HONOR, PUP!

IT IS DARK, TWISTED AND FRAUGHT WITH DANGER. YOUR CONCEPTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE WILL ONLY CARRY HER MAJESTY SO FAR!

NOW SHUT YOUR YAP AND KEEP YOUR DOGS DOING THE ONLY THING THAT THEY HAVE ANY REAL TALENT FOR-- BASHING THINGS IN BATTLE!



YOU LET IT GET STOLEN! AND NOW THIS ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS THE WHOLE THING!

NOT ONLY DID YOU DEVELOP A DANGEROUS WEAPON ...

THIS IS HARDLY A SITUATION WHERE SIMPLE REGRET WILL SUFFICE, YOUR GRACE!!

YOU "REGRET" IT?

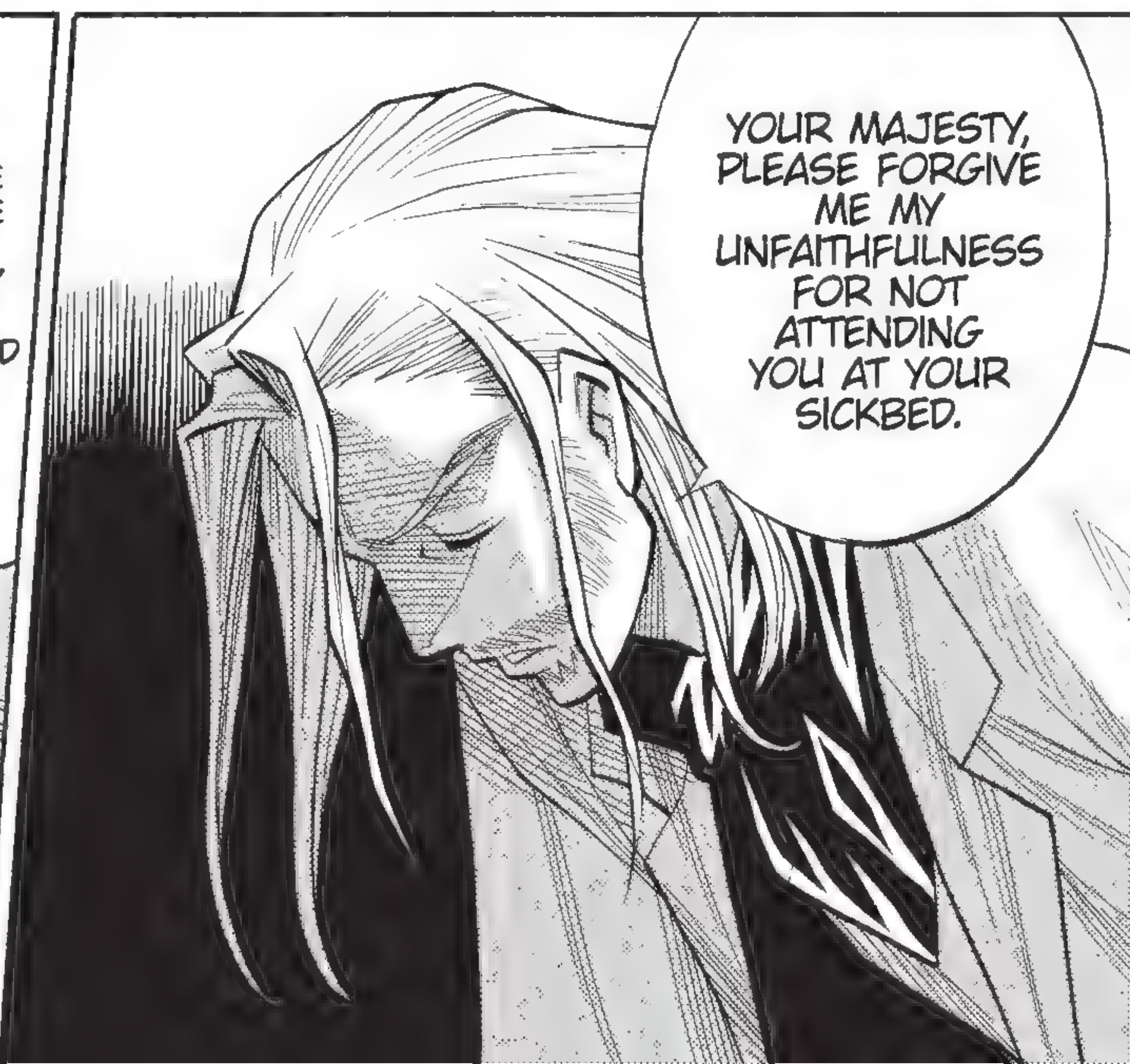
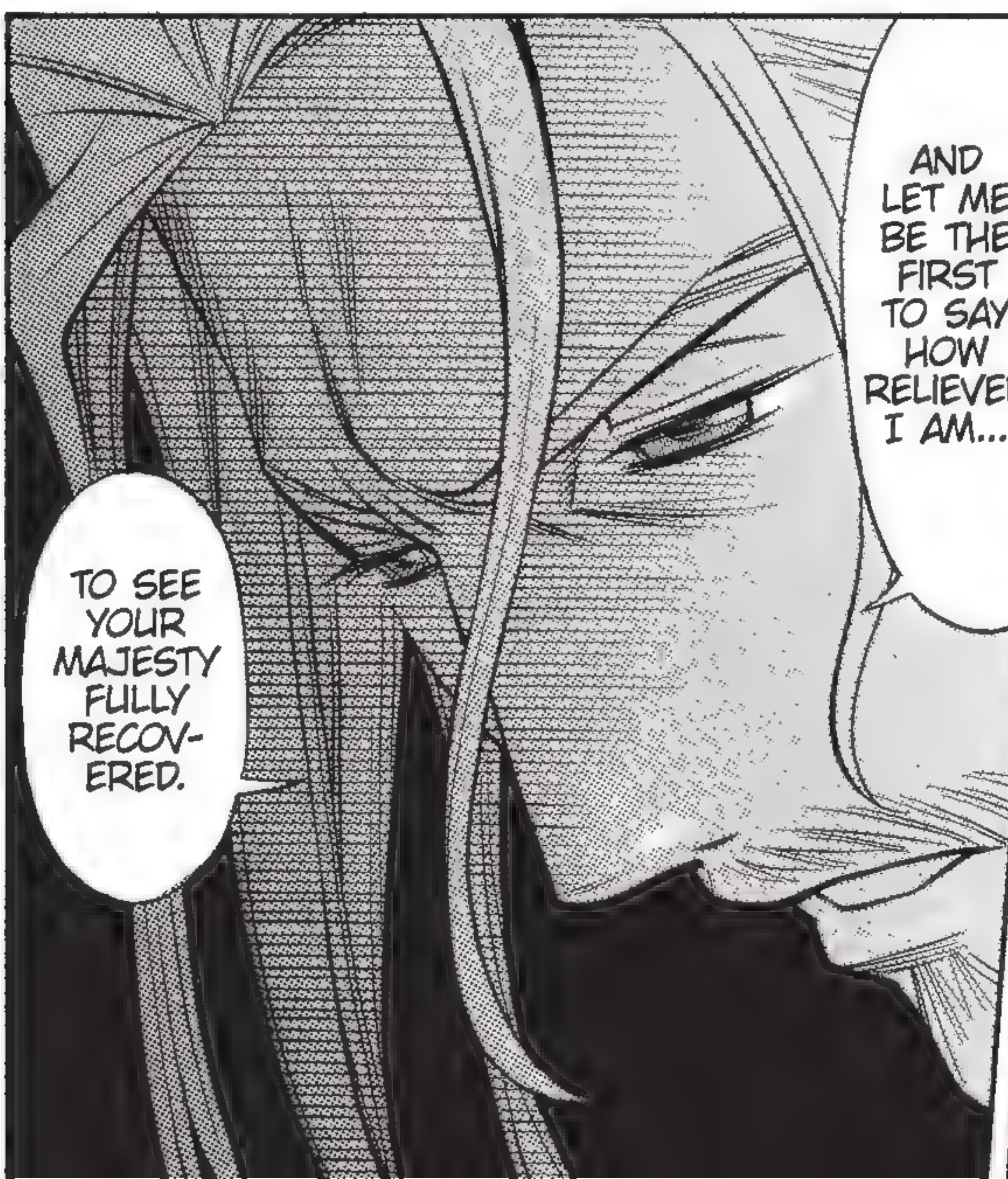
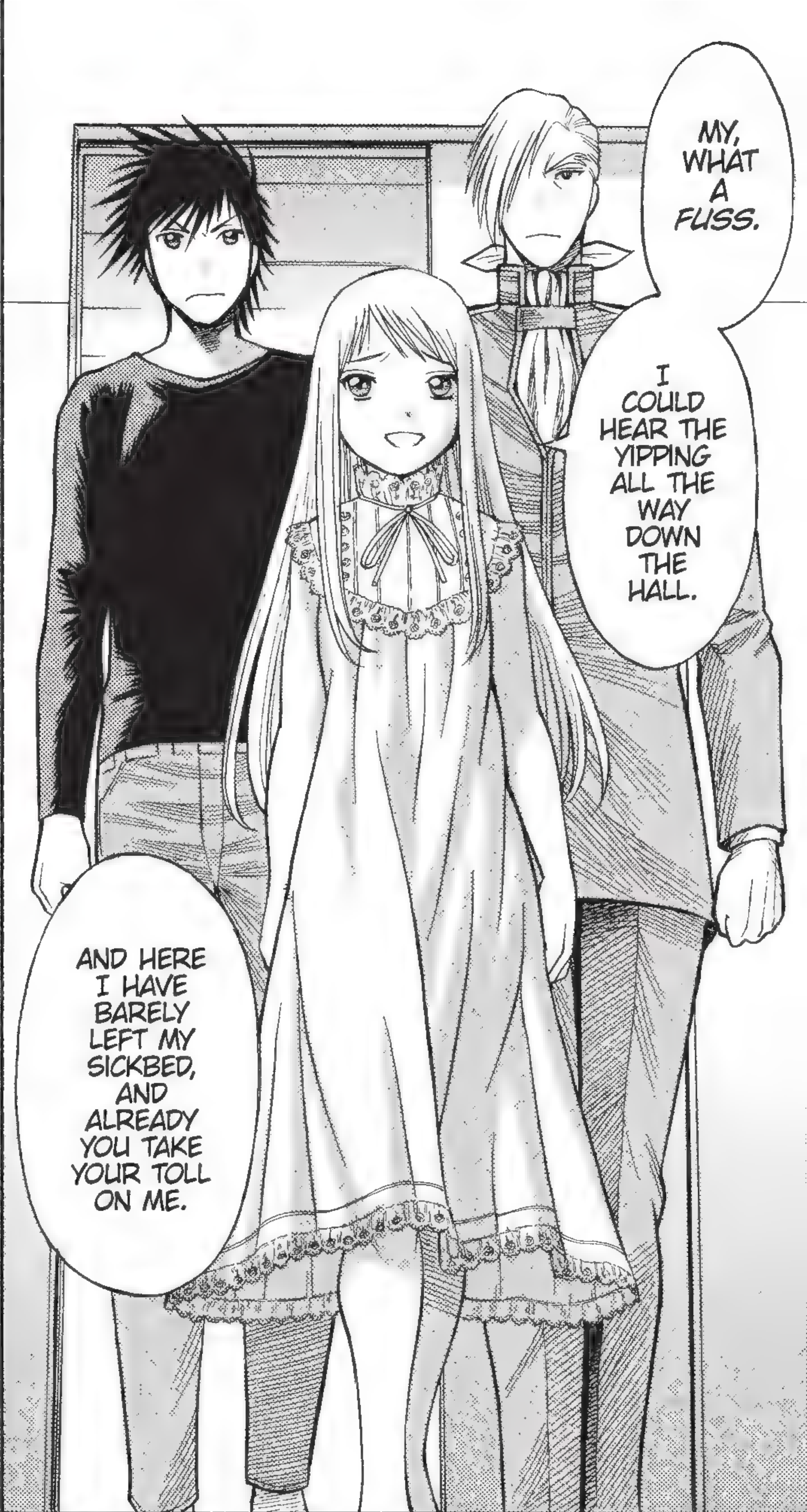
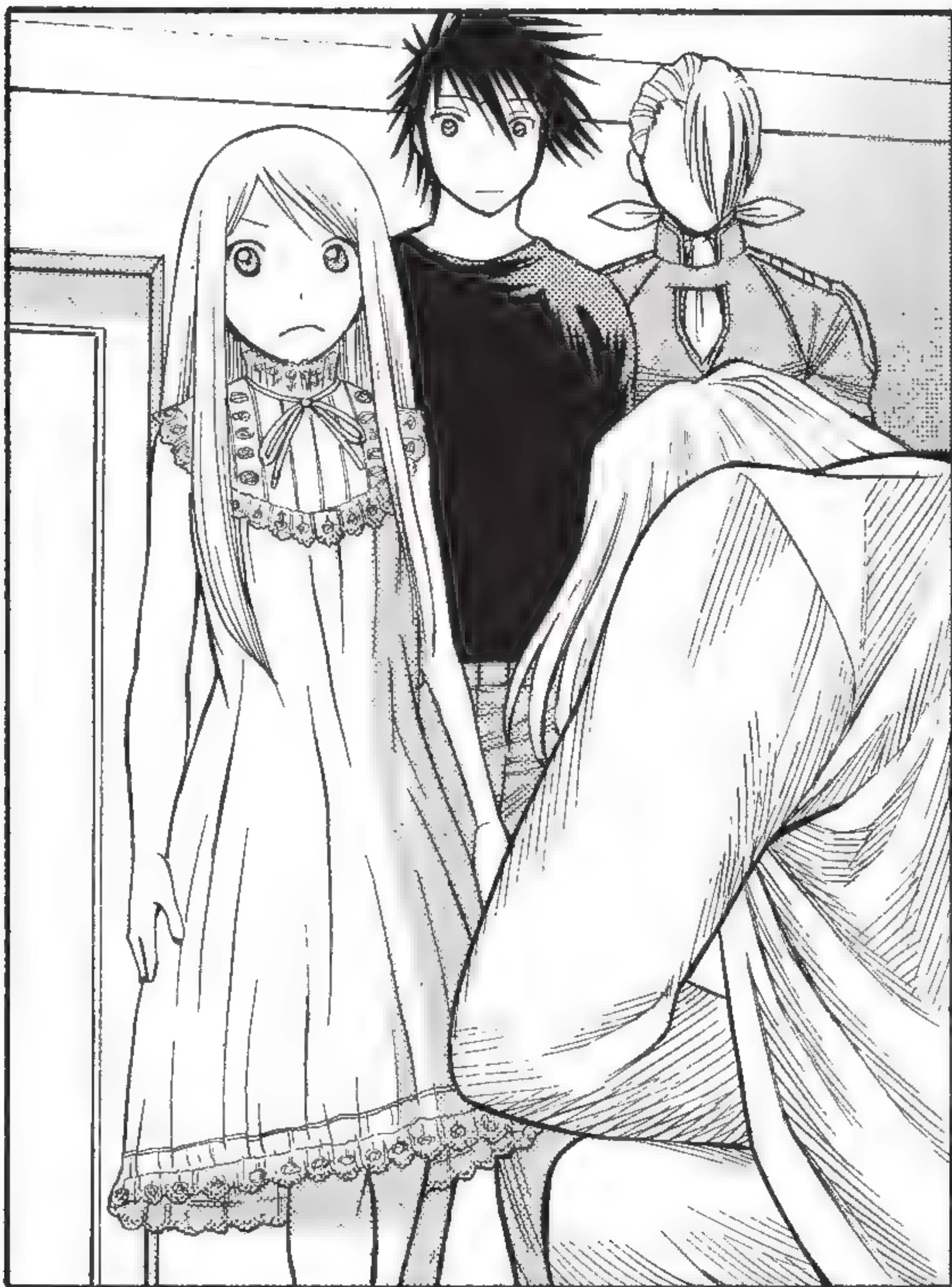


PARDON MY BLUNTNESS, YOUR GRACE...

BUT I FAIL TO SEE HOW ANY OF THIS WAS IN HER MAJESTY'S BEST INTERESTS!!

WORST OF ALL, HER MAJESTY'S VERY LIFE WAS PUT IN DANGER!



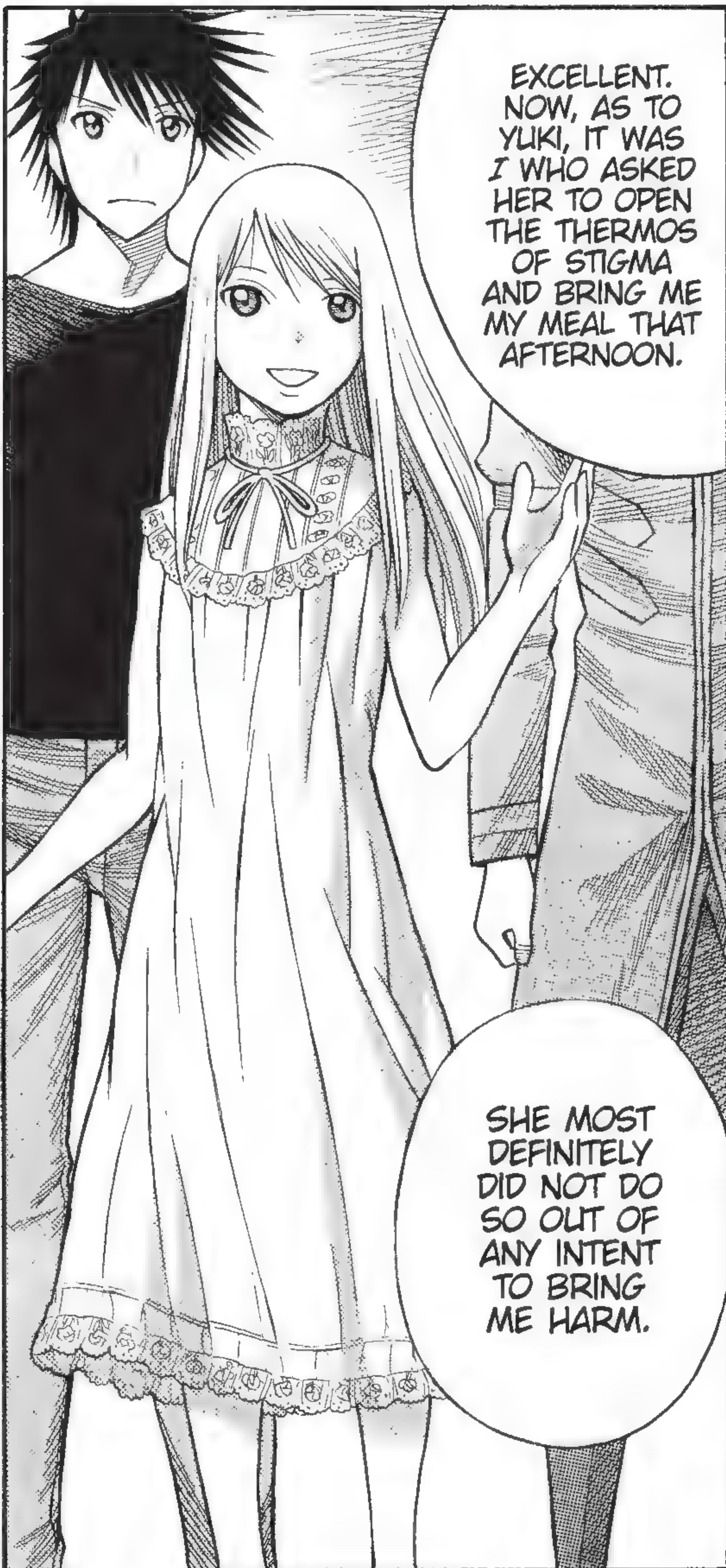






I AM SURE  
THAT IF  
YOU COULD  
NOT RACE  
TO MY SIDE,  
IT WAS ONLY  
BECAUSE YOU  
WERE BUSY  
WORKING  
DUTIFULLY FOR  
MY SAKE.

YOU HAVE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN  
MORE  
LOYAL  
THAN YOU  
SEEMED,  
BORGIANI.



EXCELLENT.  
NOW, AS TO  
YUKI, IT WAS  
I WHO ASKED  
HER TO OPEN  
THE THERMOS  
OF STIGMA  
AND BRING ME  
MY MEAL THAT  
AFTERNOON.

SHE MOST  
DEFINITELY  
DID NOT DO  
SO OUT OF  
ANY INTENT  
TO BRING  
ME HARM.



I LEAVE  
THIS  
CASE TO  
YOU.

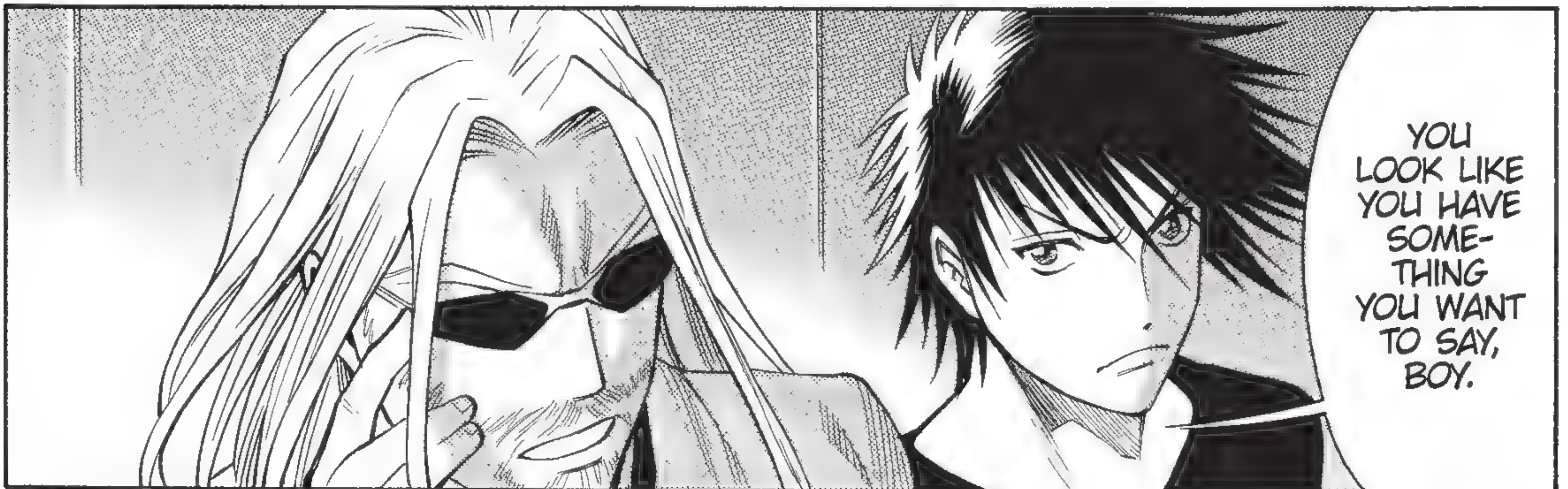
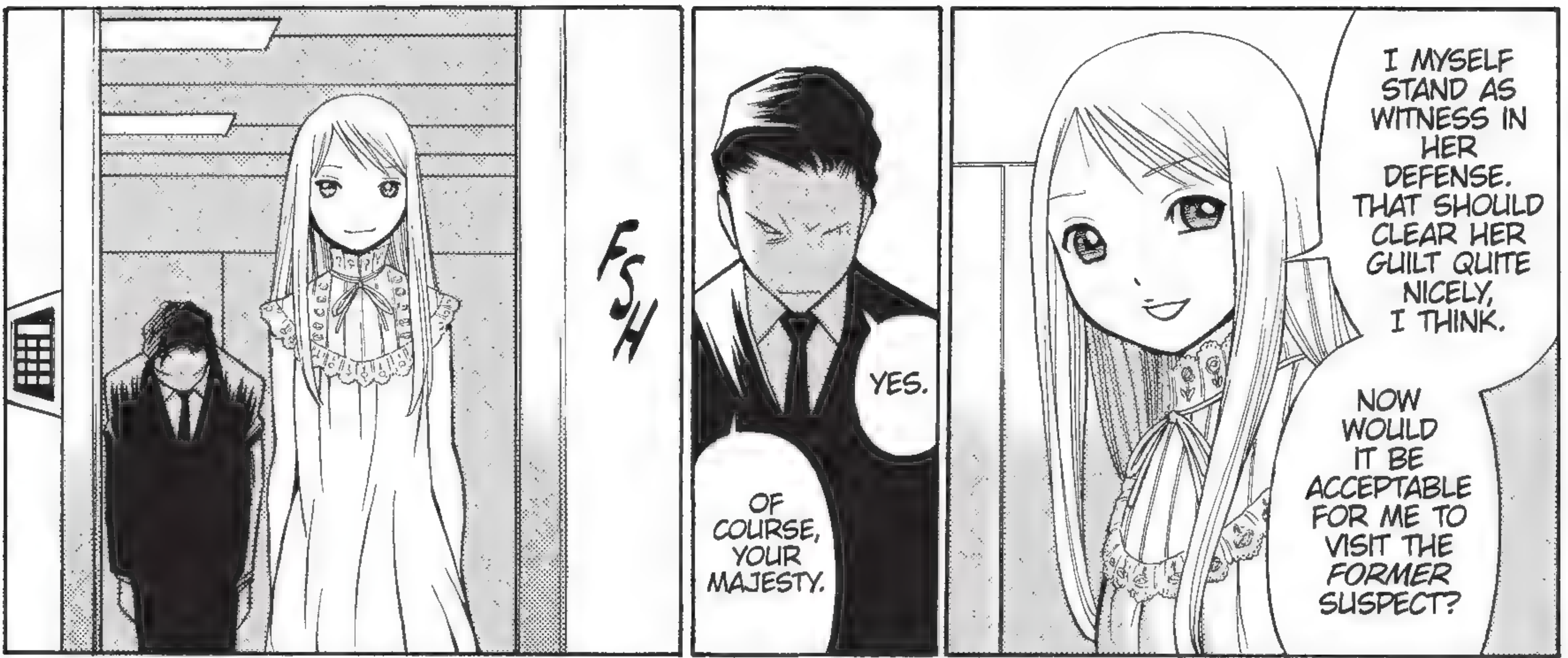
UNDER-  
STOOD?



AS  
YOU  
WISH.

PLEASE  
REST  
ASSURED  
THAT I WILL  
FIND THE  
TRUTH OF  
THE MATTER  
WITH ALL  
HASTE.









SHE  
MAY  
TRUST  
YOU...

BUT DON'T  
MAKE THE  
MISTAKE OF  
THINKING  
I DO.



HIME-  
SAN...  
ALMOST  
DIED.

AND YOUR  
LACKEYS  
WENT AND  
TRIED TO  
PIN THE  
WHOLE  
THING ON  
YUKI.



DUKE  
BOR-  
GANI.

PARDON  
THE  
INTERRUP-  
TION...

BUT IF  
THE STOLEN  
NANO-  
MACHINES  
CAN BE  
VIEWED AS  
BEING COM-  
PLETED--



THEN IT  
IS ONLY  
PRUDENT  
TO  
ASSUME  
THAT  
THEY ARE  
ALREADY  
IN USE.

JUST LIKE  
HUMANS,  
ONCE  
VAMPIRES  
GET A NEW  
"TOY," THEY  
JUST CAN'T  
SEEM TO  
RESIST  
PLAYING  
WITH IT.

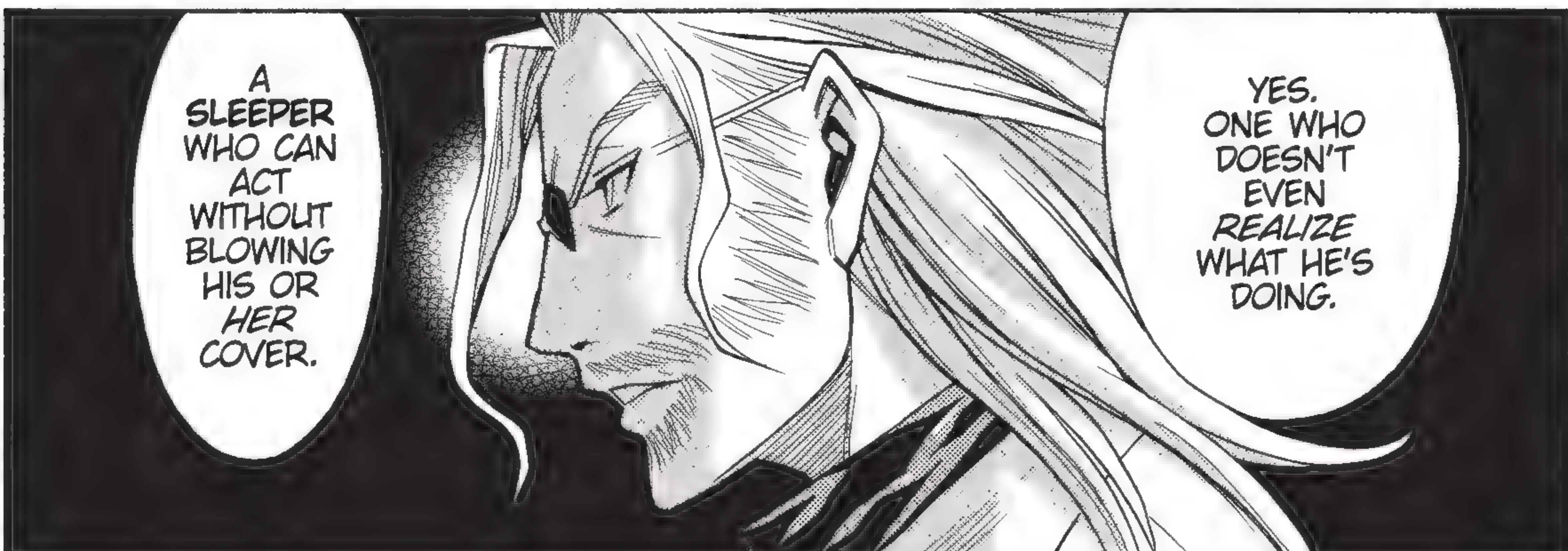
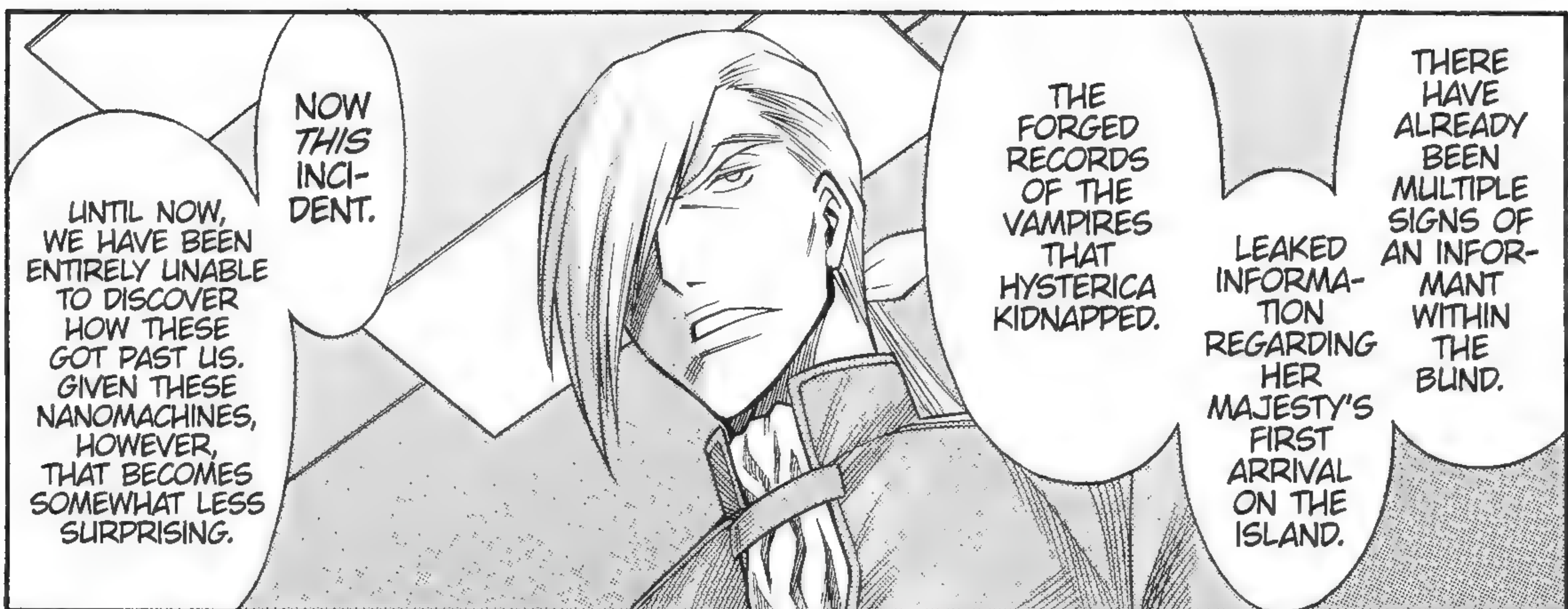


AS  
YOU  
WISH,  
THEN.

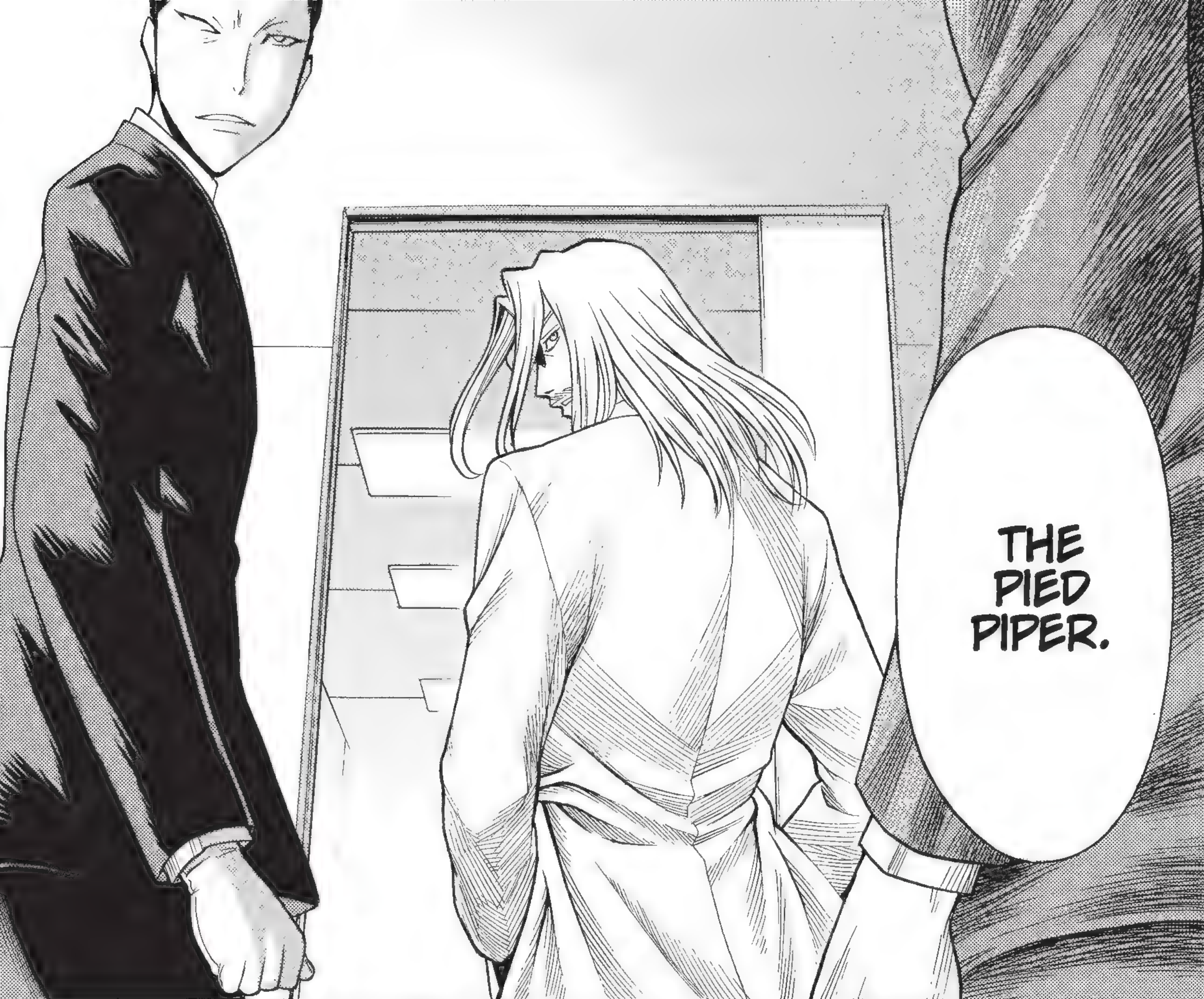
BUT  
REMEMBER,  
BOY,  
LOYALTY IS  
SOMETHING  
PEOPLE  
HOLD IN  
THEIR  
HEARTS.

HOW THEY  
SHOW IT  
CAN DIFFER  
GREATLY,  
AND IT MAY  
NOT BE IN  
WAYS THAT  
OTHERS  
WOULD  
UNDERSTAND.

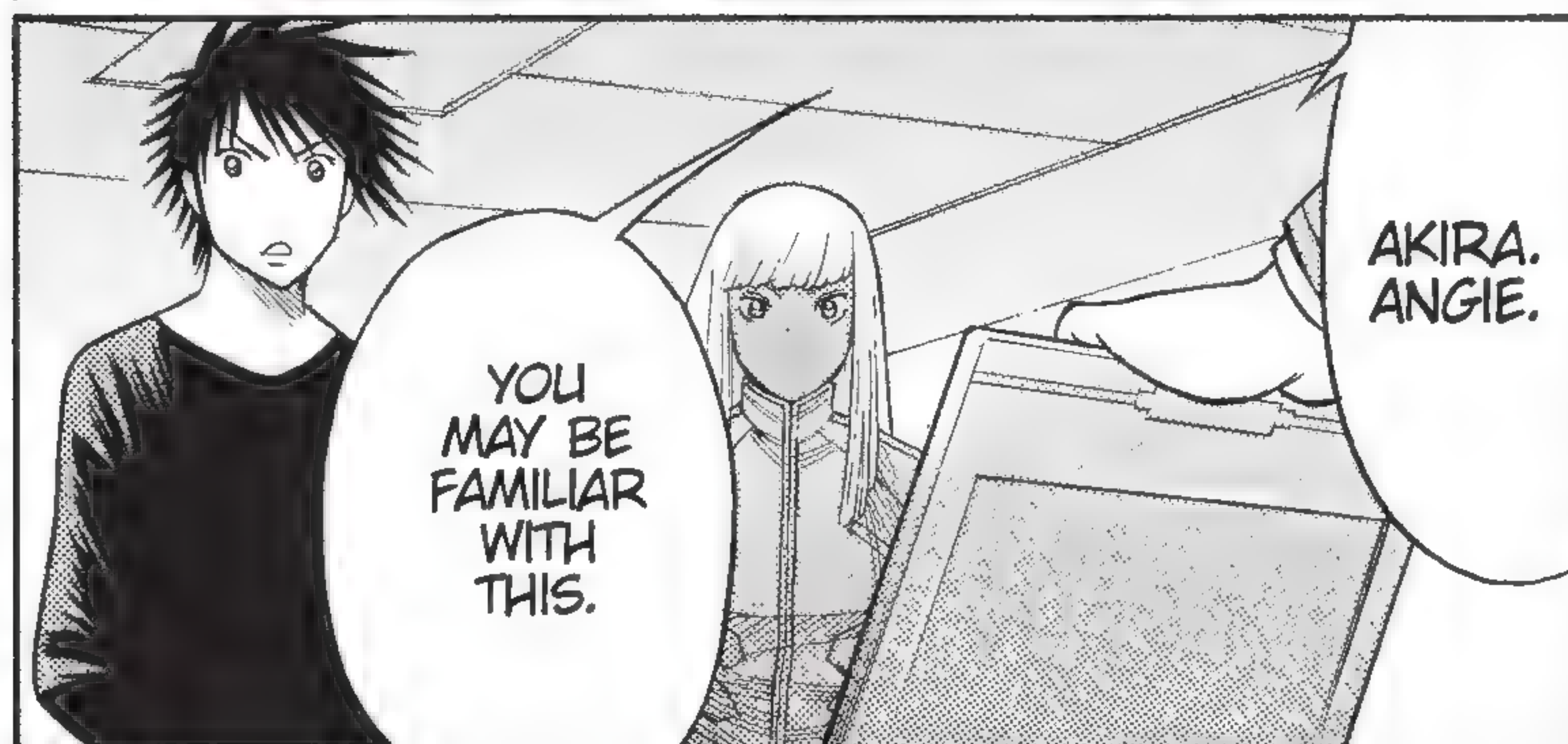
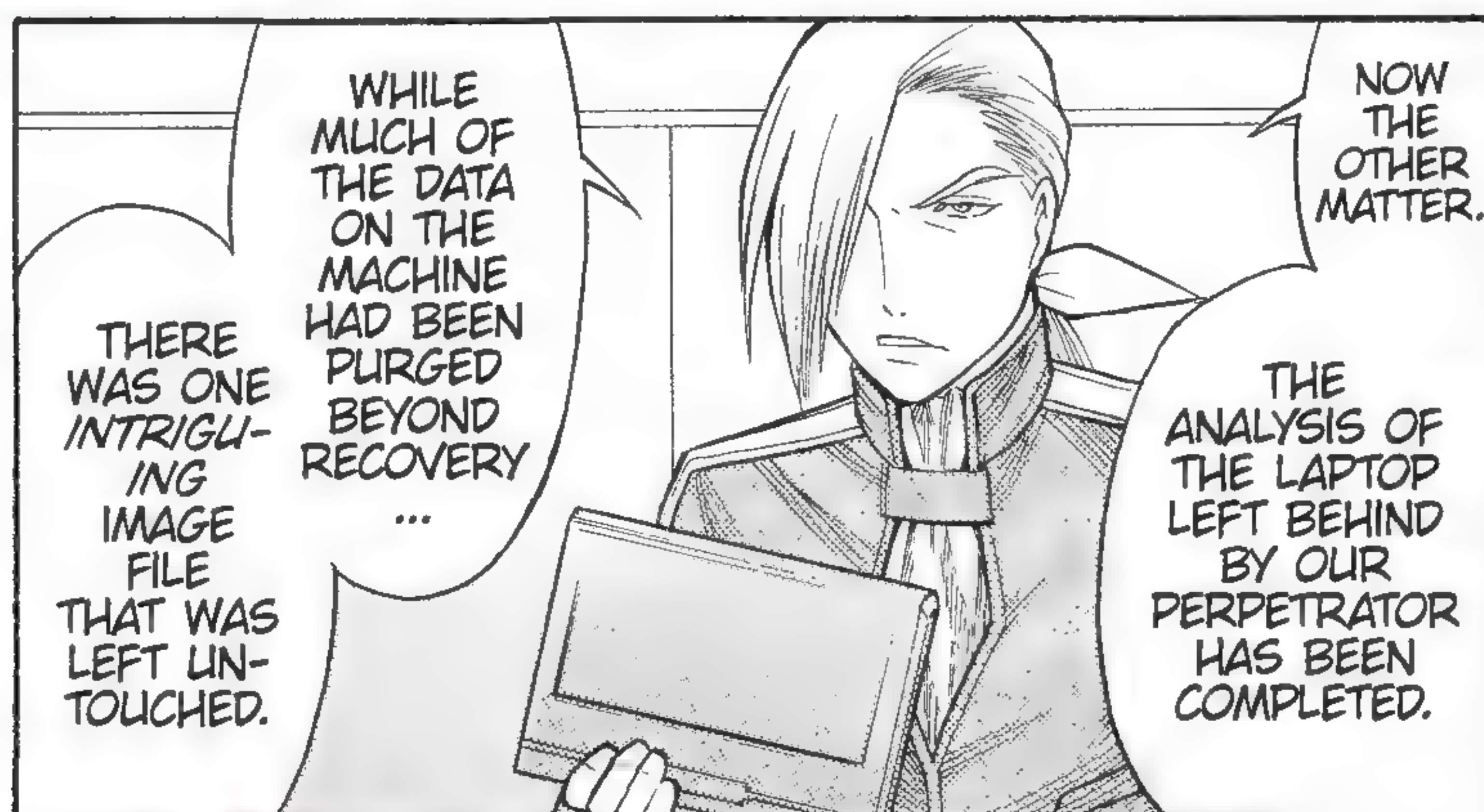




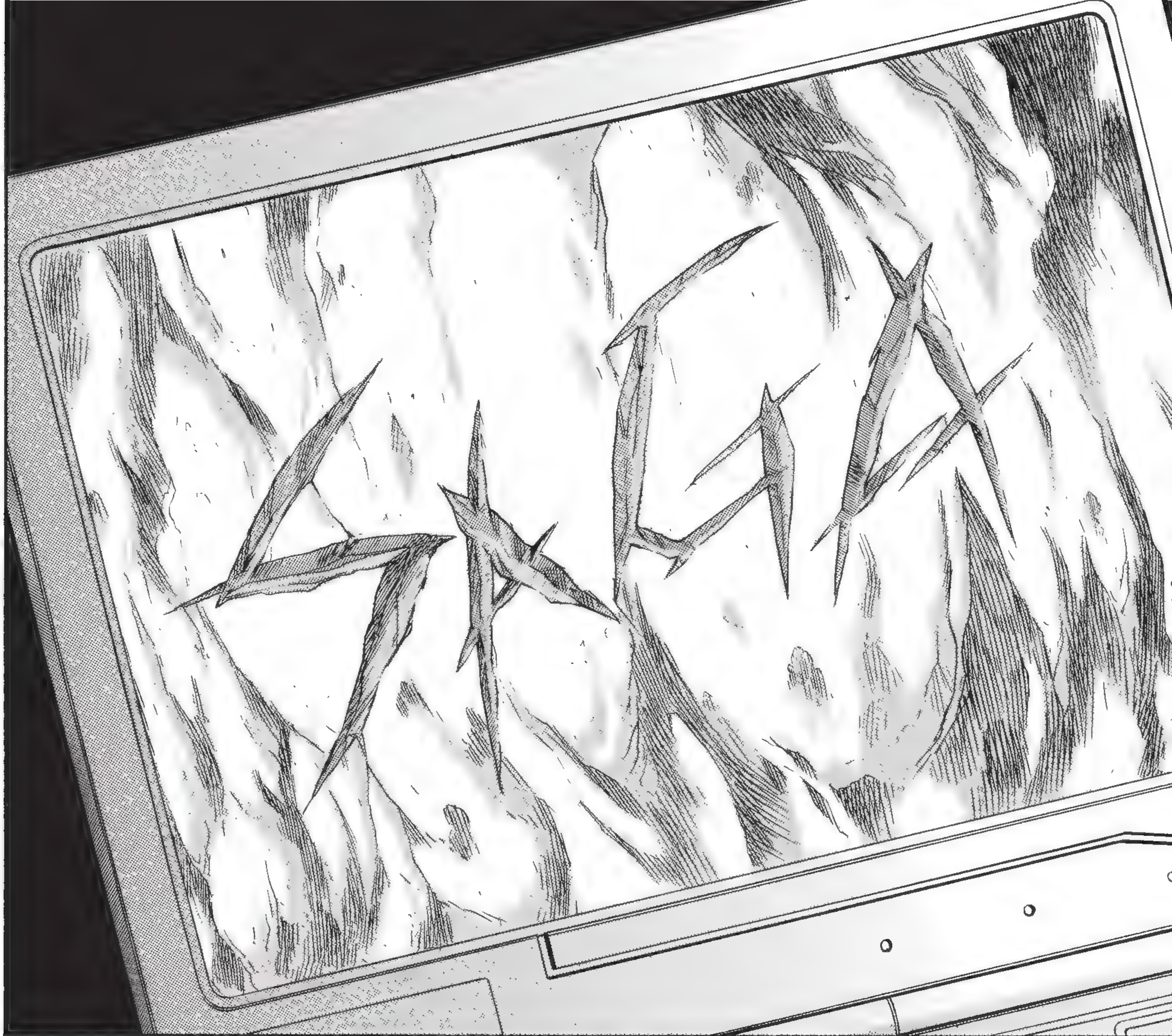




THE  
PIED  
PIPER.









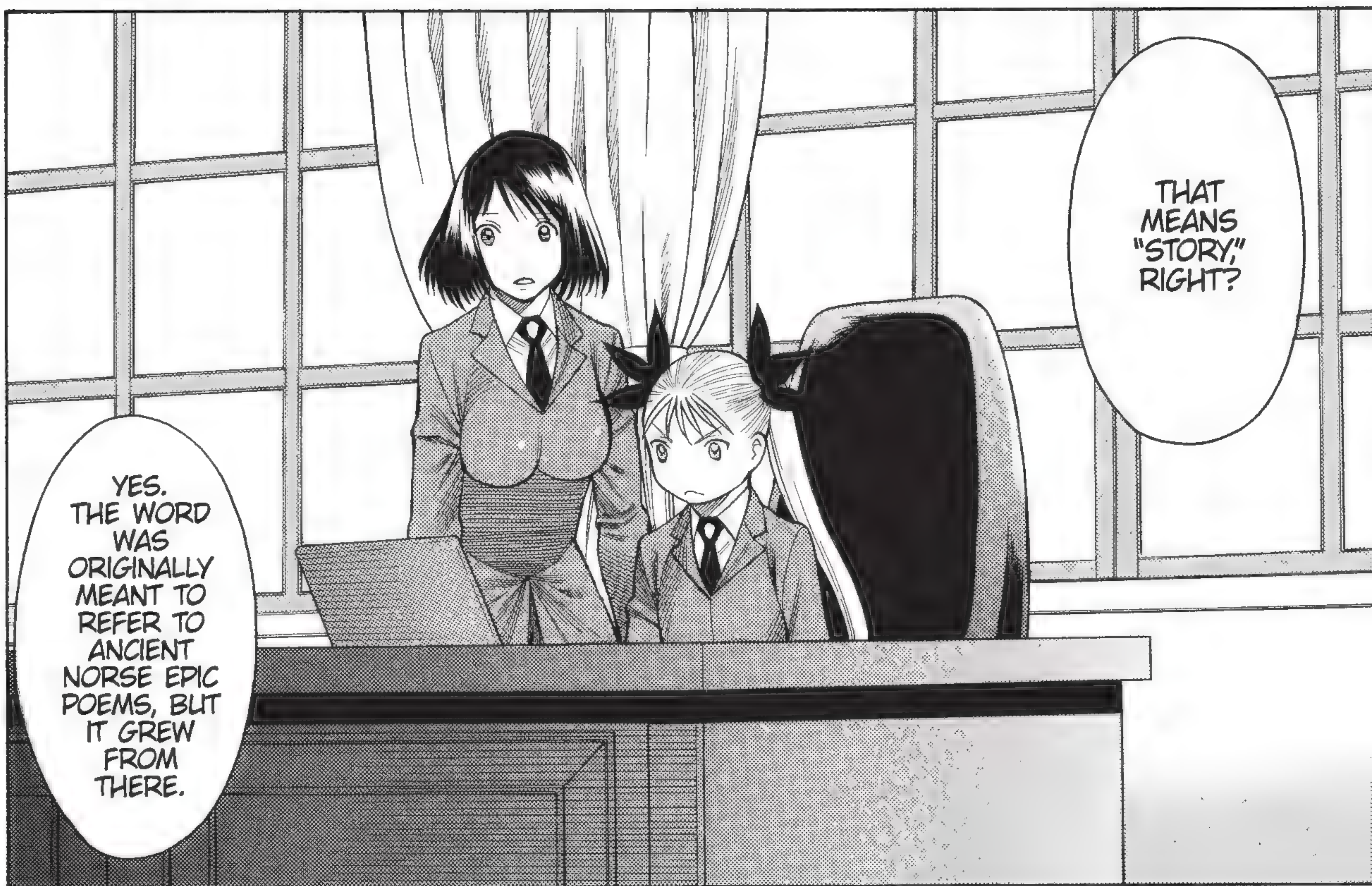
## ***Chapter 39: Crest of the Wolf***







"SAGA"  
?



YES.  
THE WORD  
WAS  
ORIGINALLY  
MEANT TO  
REFER TO  
ANCIENT  
NORSE EPIC  
POEMS, BUT  
IT GREW  
FROM  
THERE.

THAT  
MEANS  
"STORY,"  
RIGHT?



OUT OF ALL  
THE DATA THAT  
MUST HAVE  
BEEN ON THAT  
LAPTOP, FOR  
ONLY THIS  
IMAGE TO  
REMAIN...



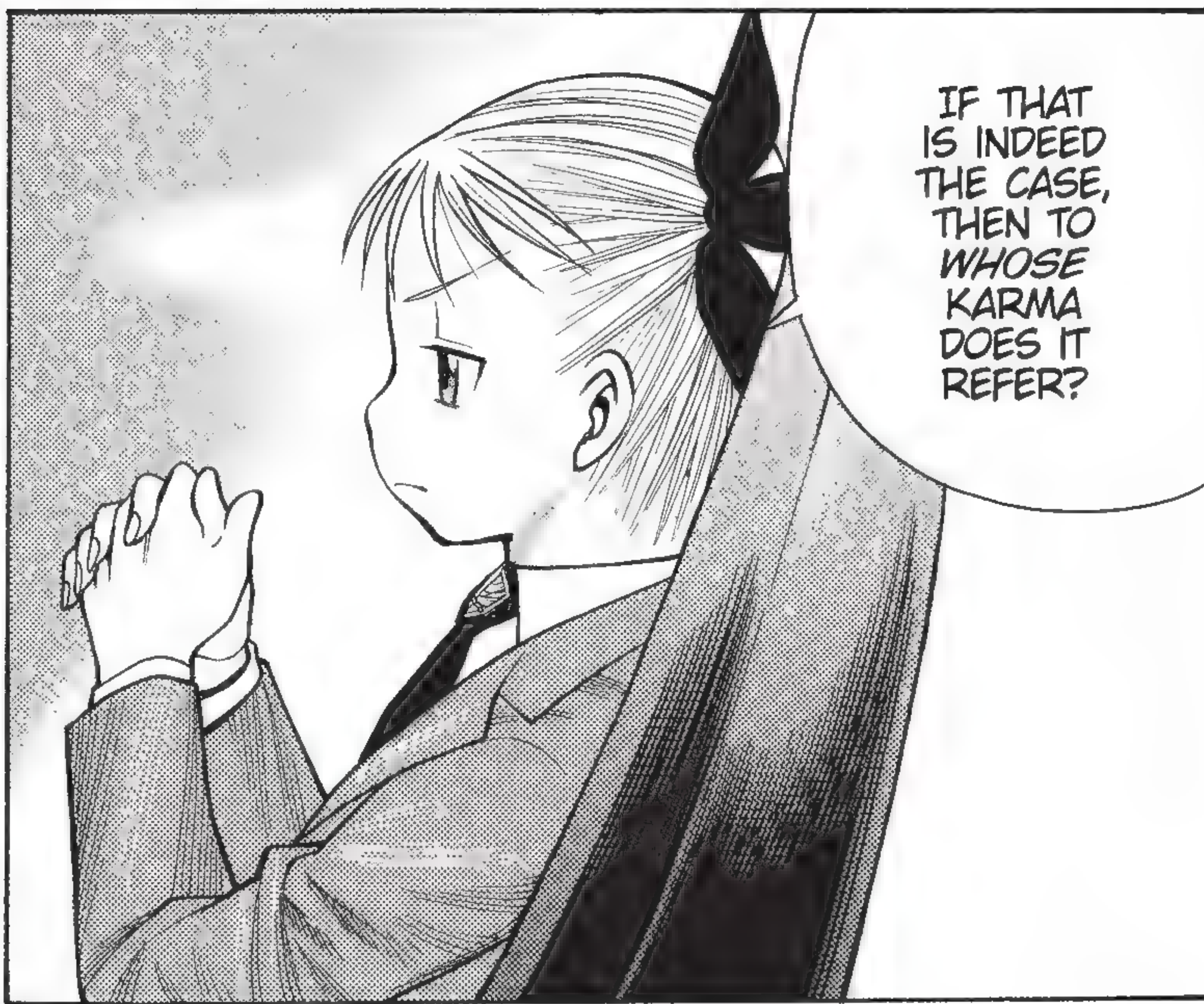






IF  
IT IS  
MINE  
...

WELL, IN  
THAT CASE,  
I CAN THINK  
OF ENTIRELY  
TOO MANY  
PEOPLE WHO  
WOULD  
WISH IT  
UPON ME.



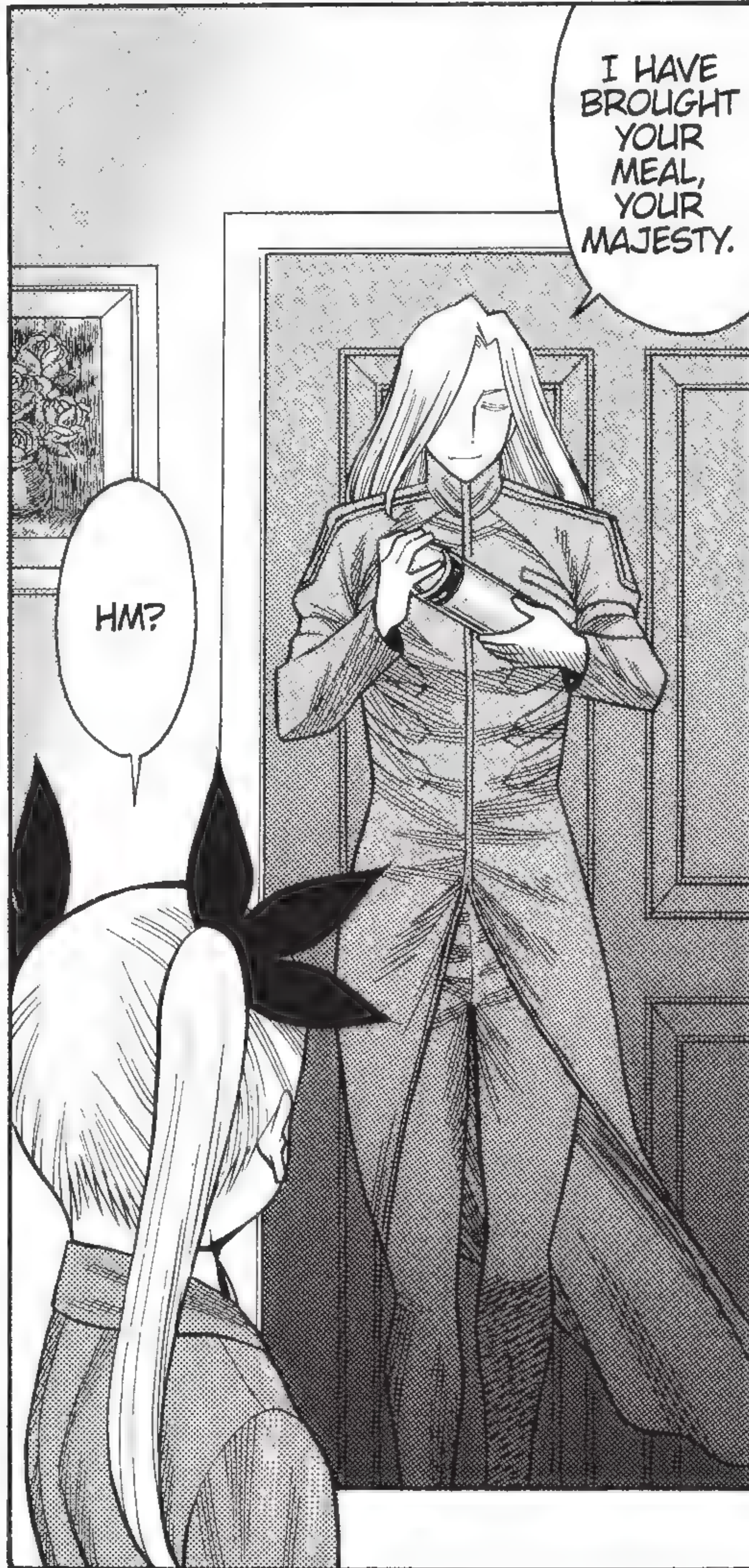
IF THAT  
IS INDEED  
THE CASE,  
THEN TO  
WHOSE  
KARMA  
DOES IT  
REFER?



YES.

BEEP

OH,  
YES.  
TODAY,  
AKIRA  
AND  
ANGIE  
ARE  
ON A  
MISSION,  
CORRECT  
?



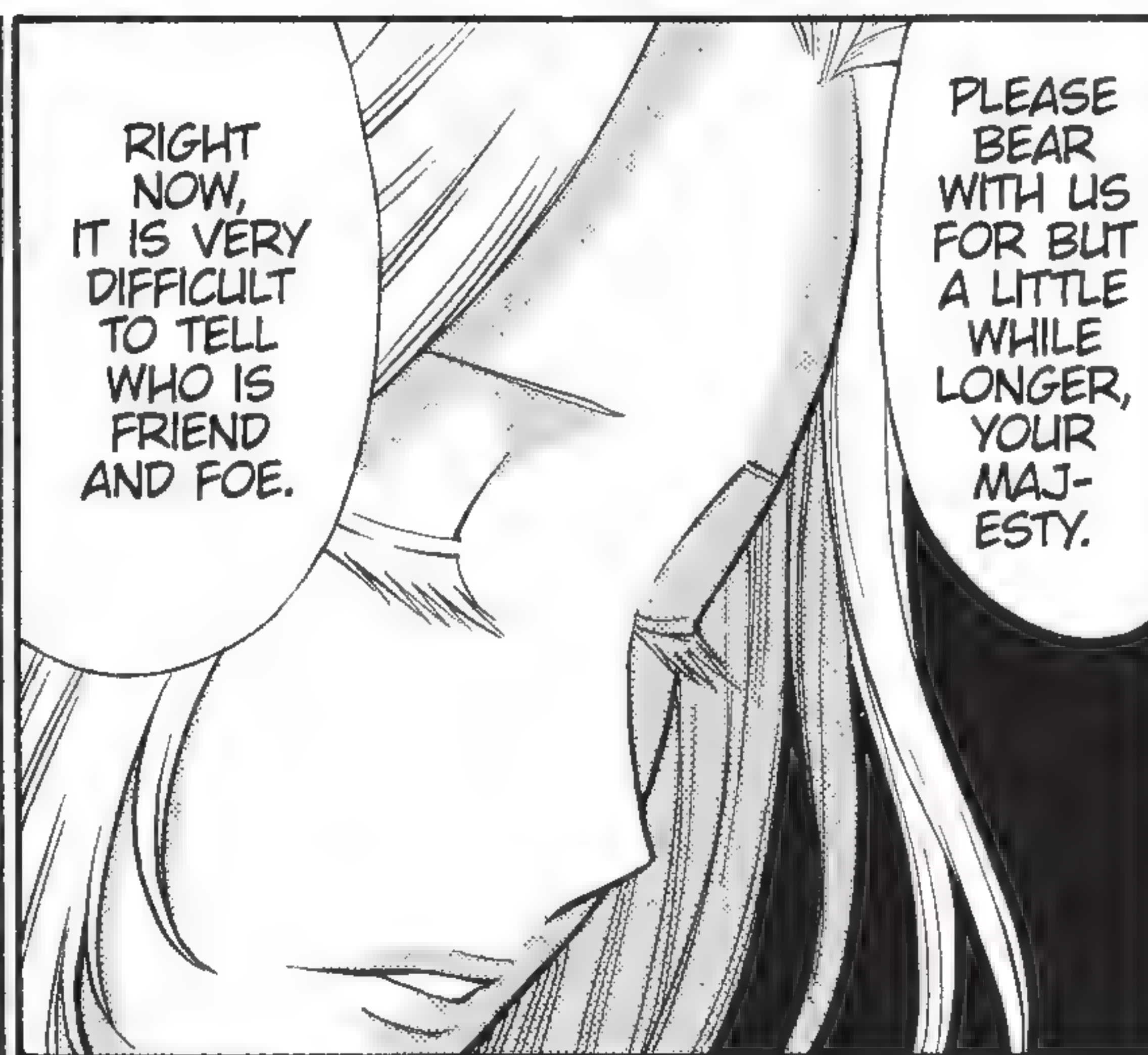
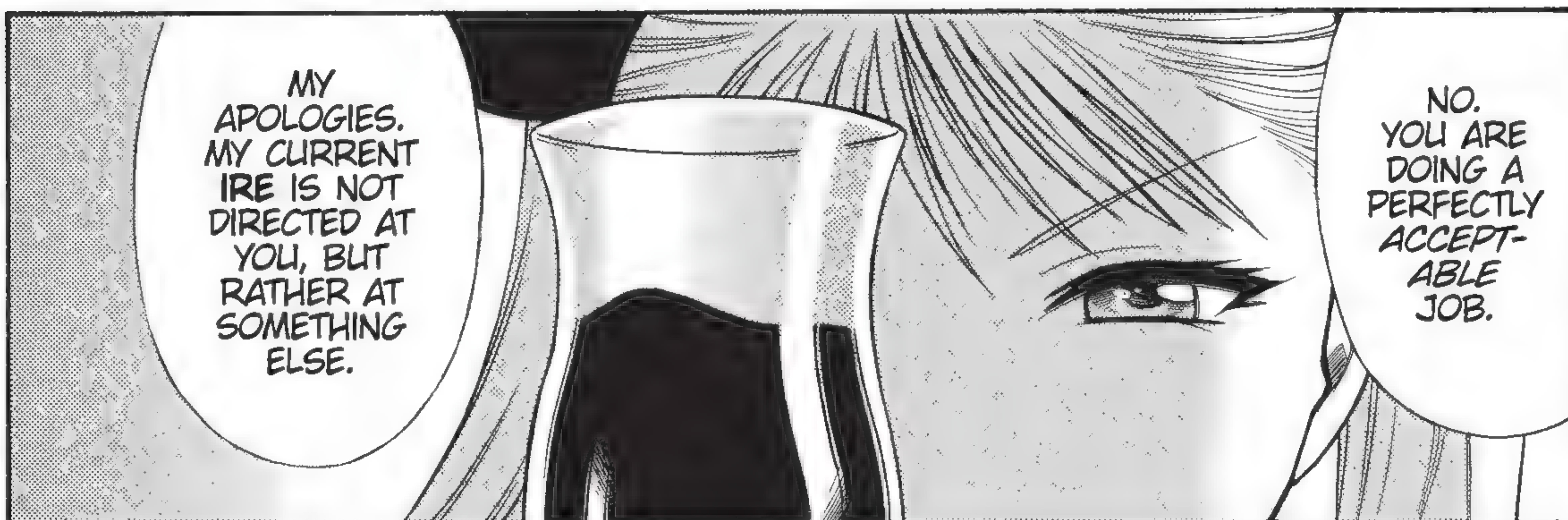
I HAVE  
BROUGHT  
YOUR  
MEAL,  
YOUR  
MAJESTY.

HM?

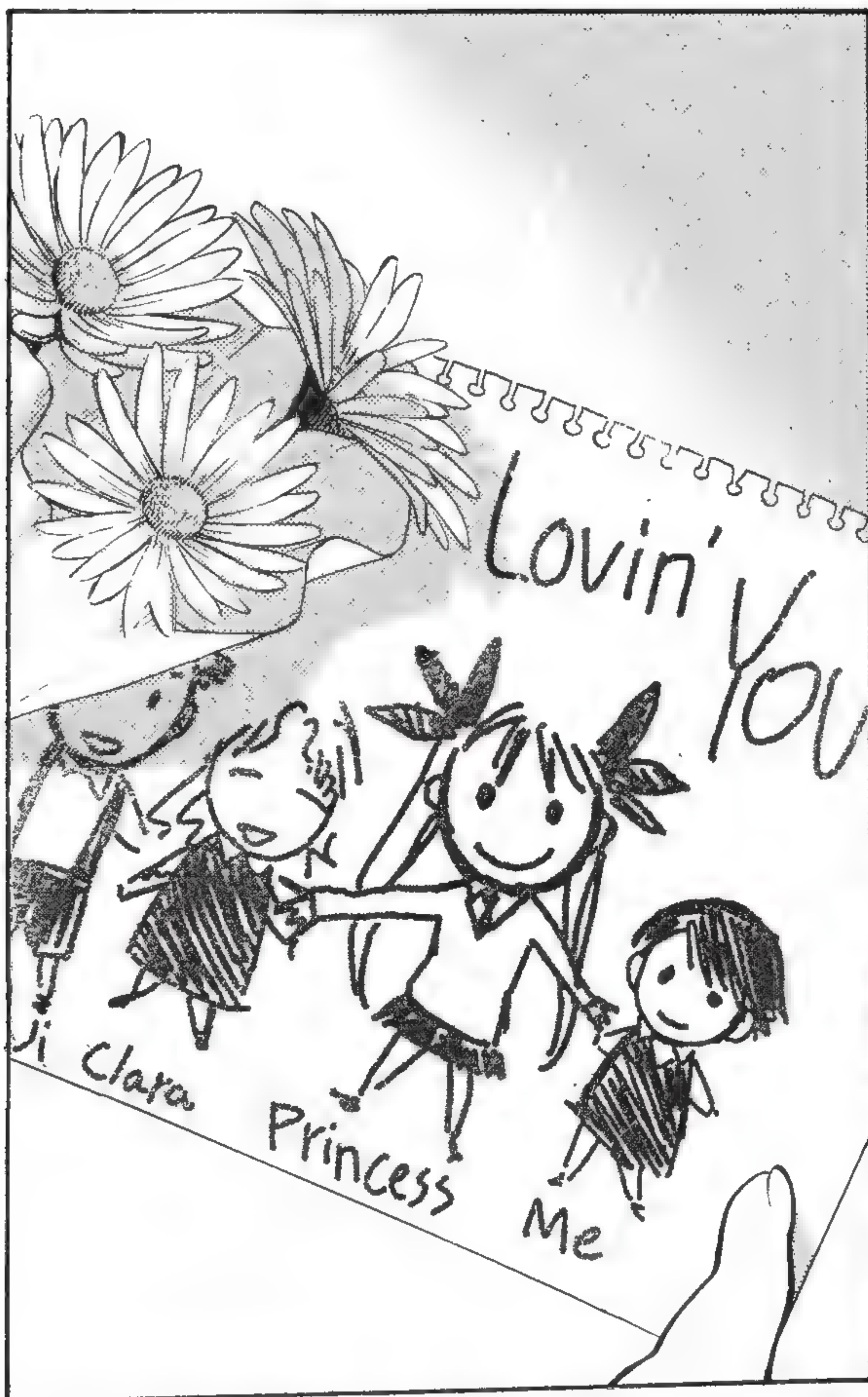


THEY ARE  
OUT IN THE  
BLIND ON  
A MISSION  
ASSIGNED  
ESPECIALLY  
TO THEM BY  
WOLFGANG-  
DONO  
HIMSELF.









YOUR  
MAJ-  
ESTY.

THREE YOUNG  
CHILDREN  
JUST CAME  
TO SEE YOU,  
BUT WHEN I  
TOLD THEM  
YOU COULD  
NOT ACCEPT  
VISITORS  
TODAY...

THEY  
ASKED  
THAT I  
PASS  
THIS ON  
TO YOU.



ANNA!

CLARA!

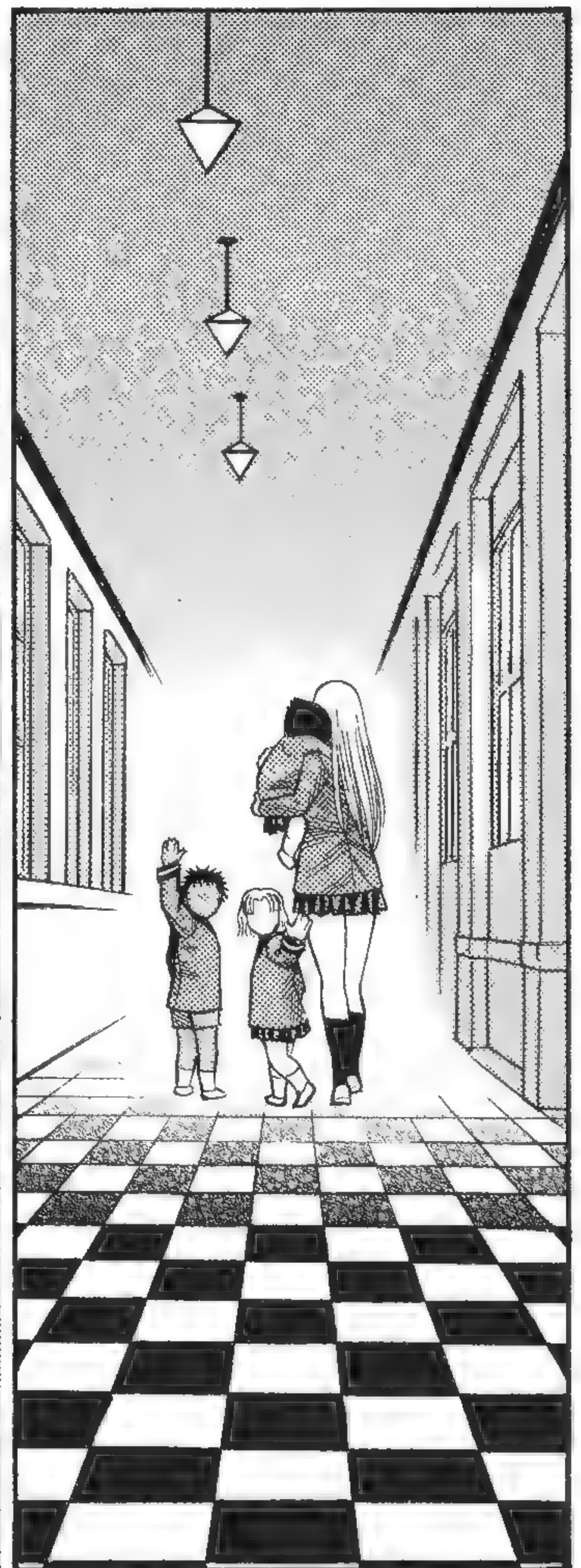
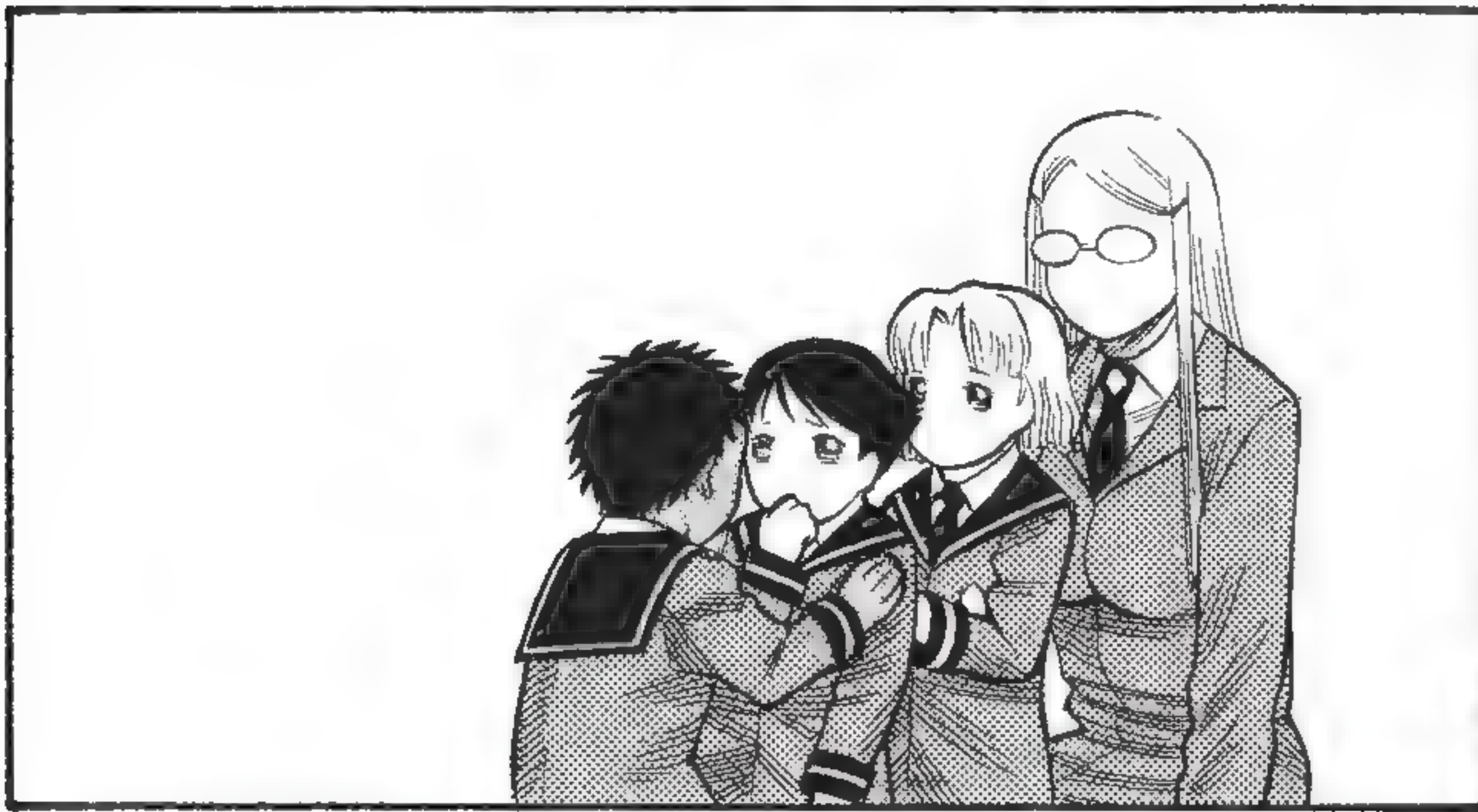
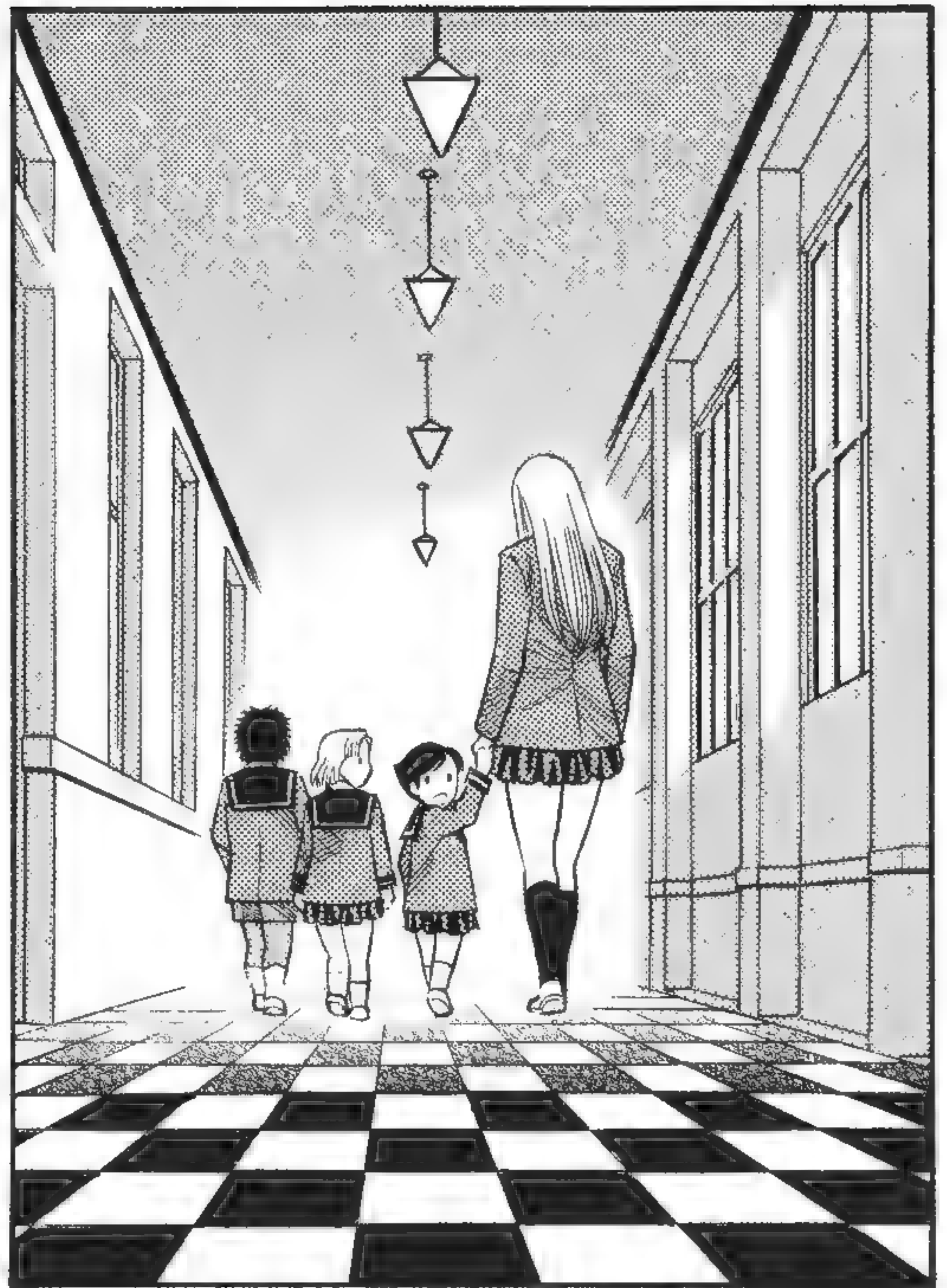
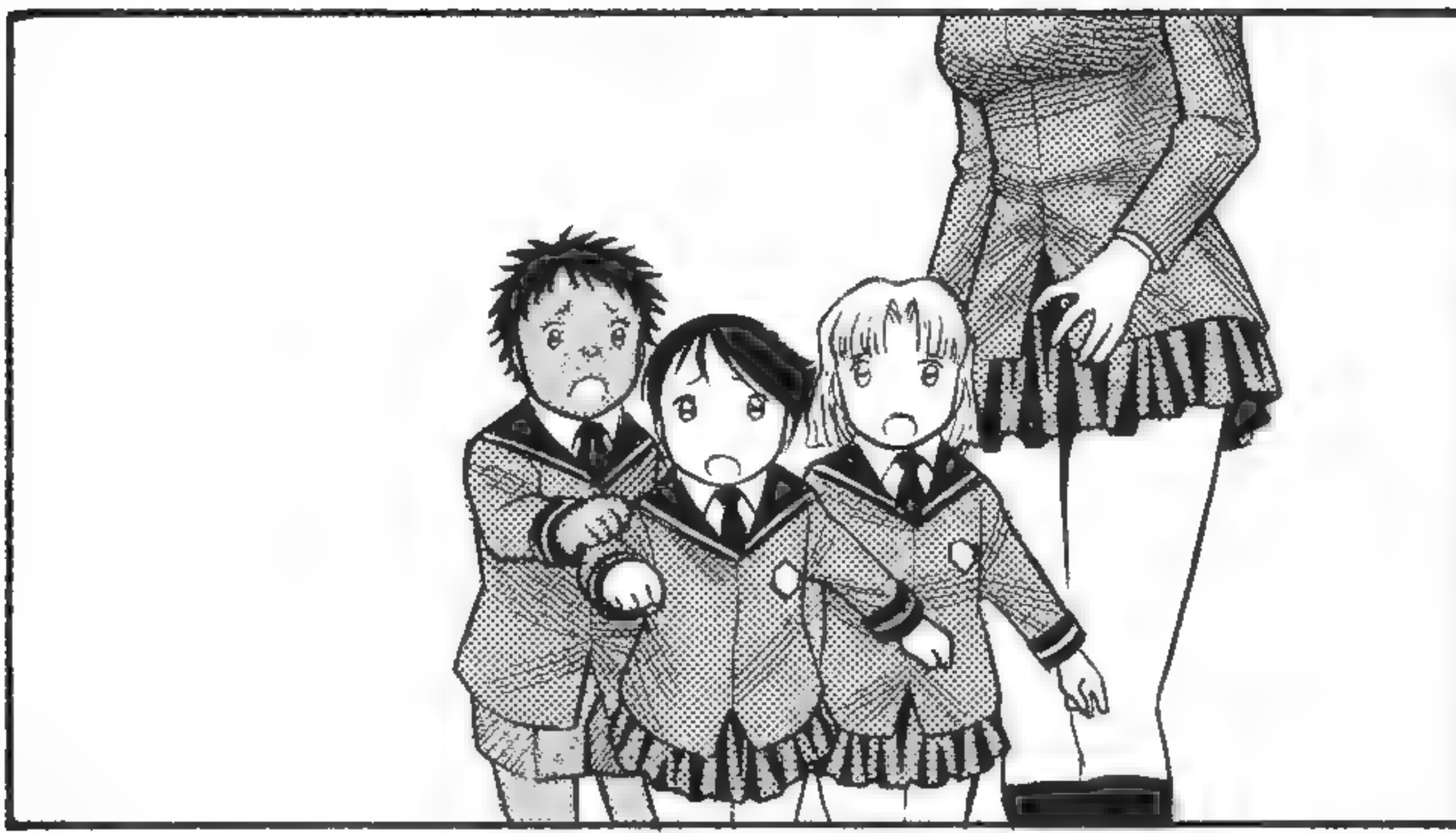
HHH!



YOUR  
MAJESTY!

TMP

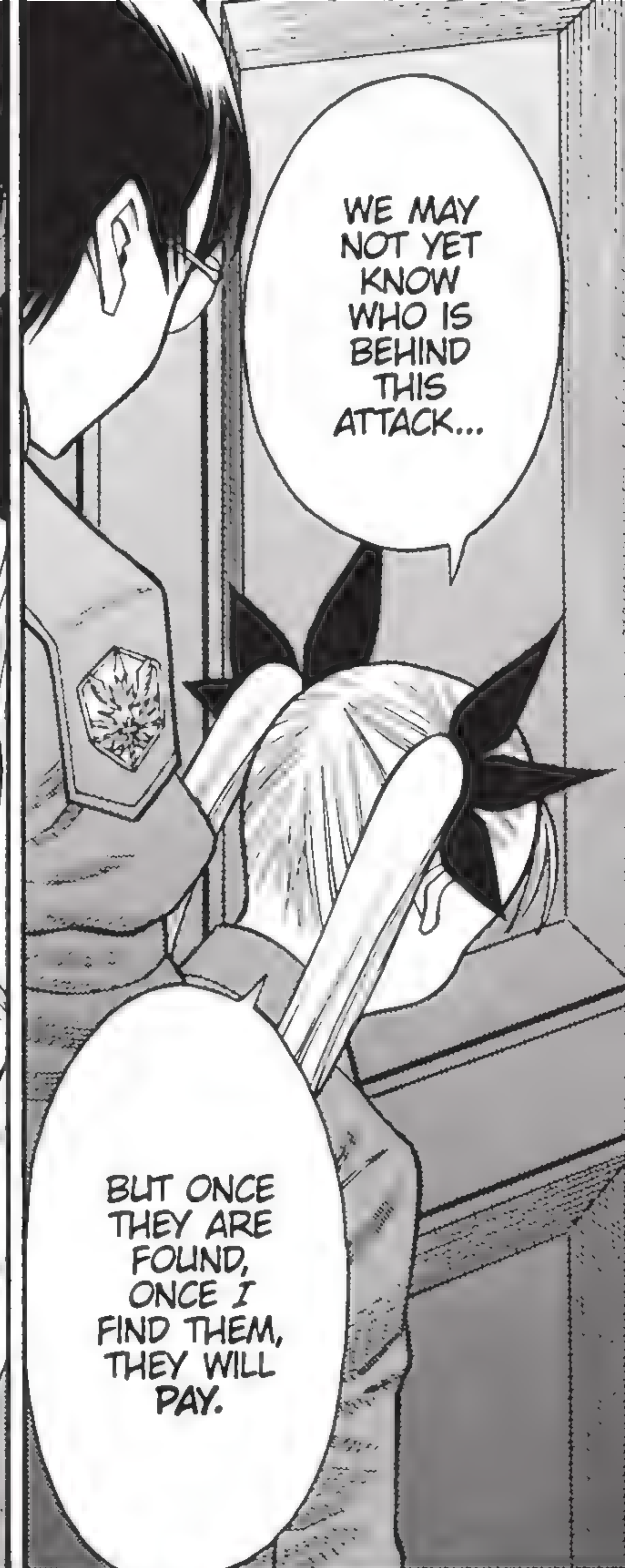






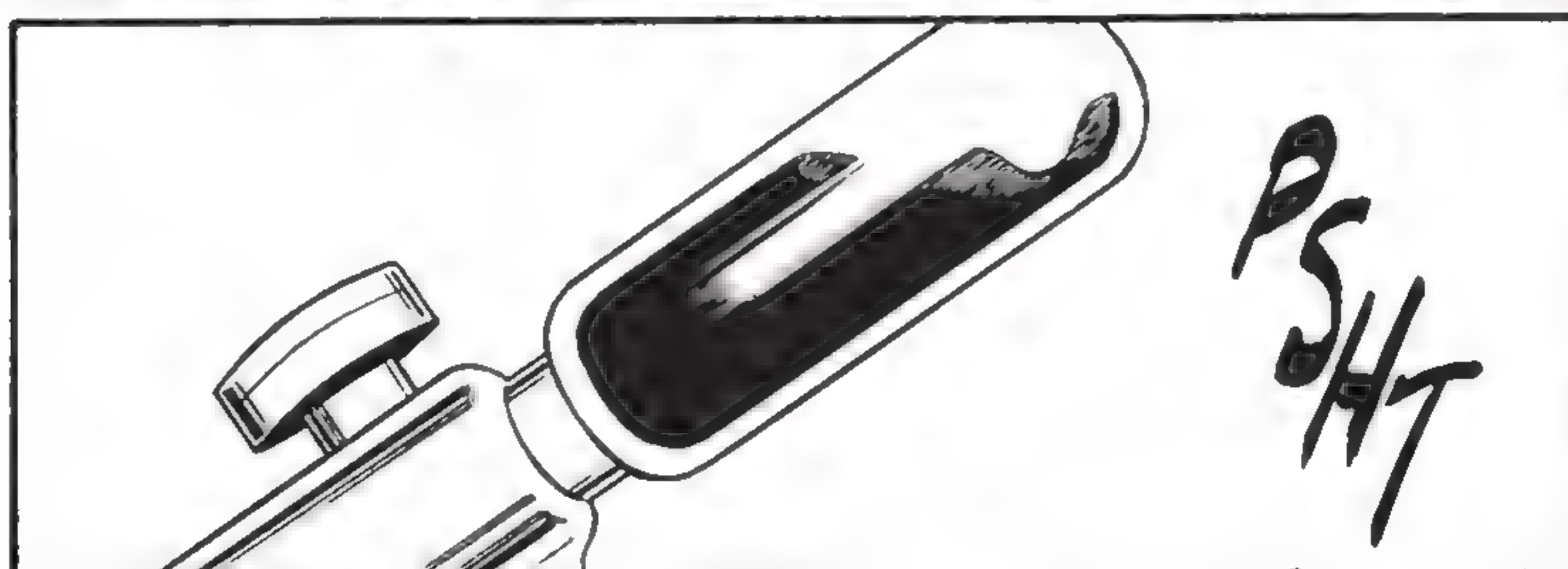
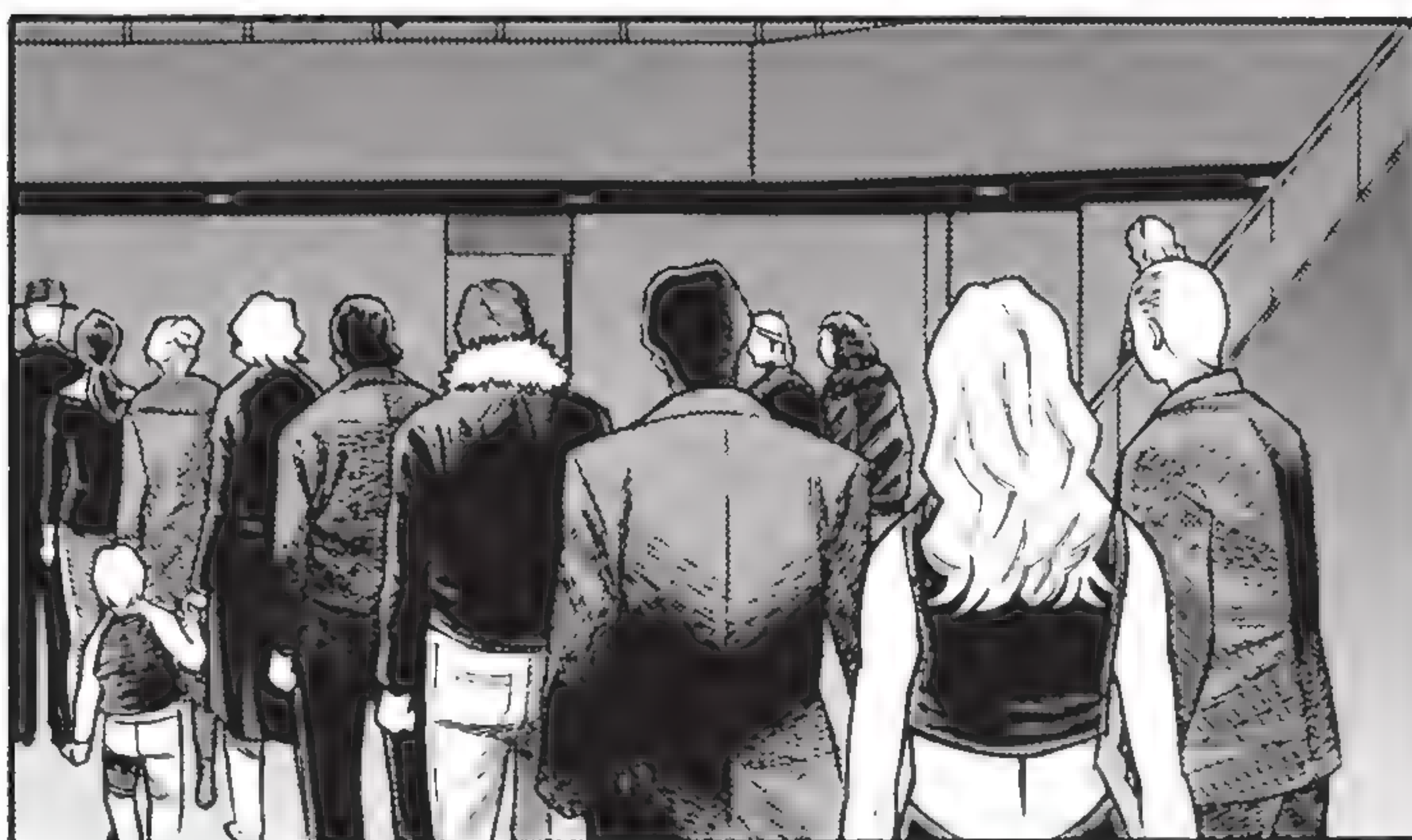


I DO NOT APPRECIATE BEING TORN FROM MY SUBJECTS, AND I WILL MAKE SURE THEY REGRET THAT DECISION, RIGHT DOWN TO THE MARROW OF THEIR BONES!!



WE MAY NOT YET KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THIS ATTACK...

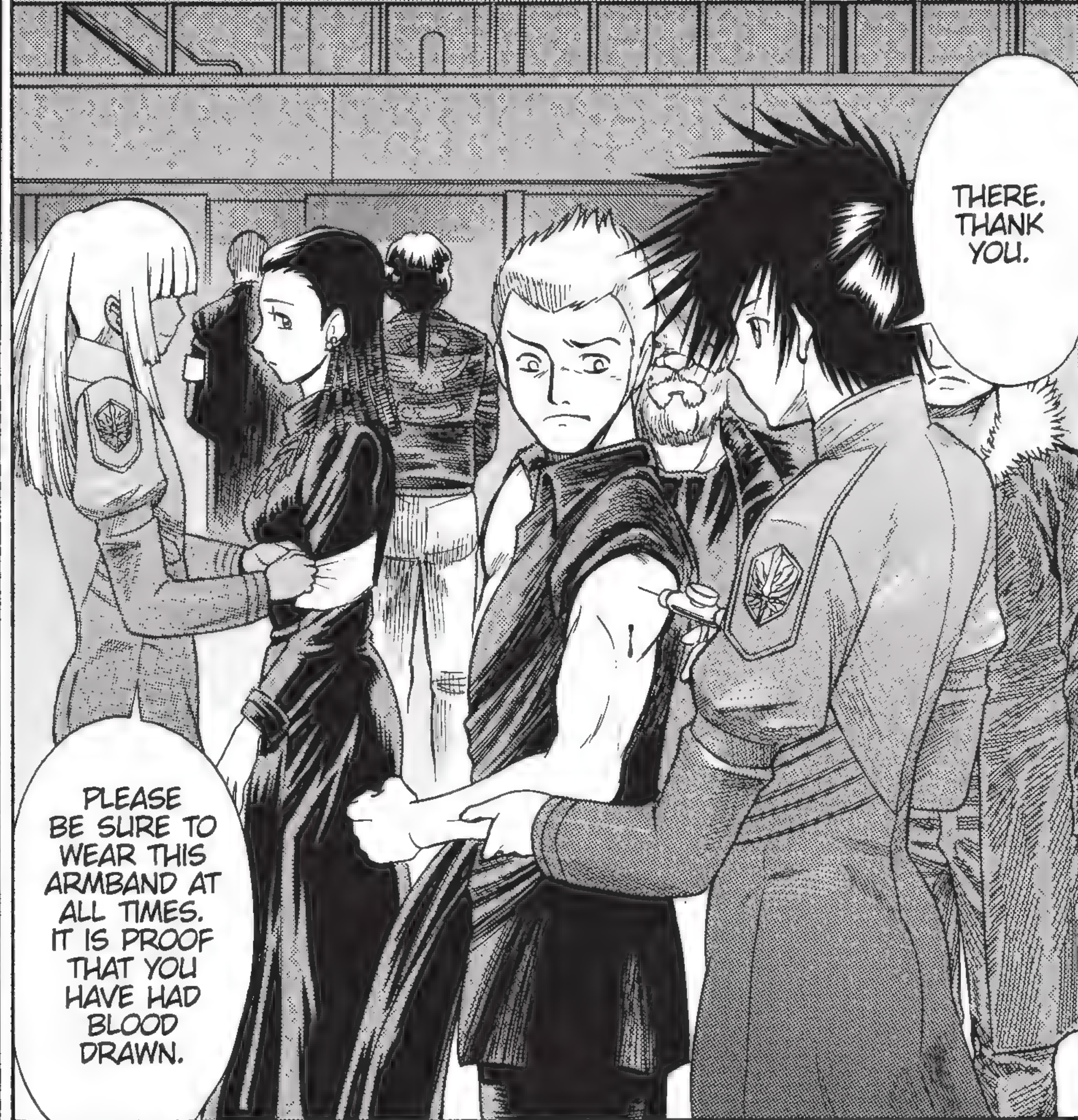
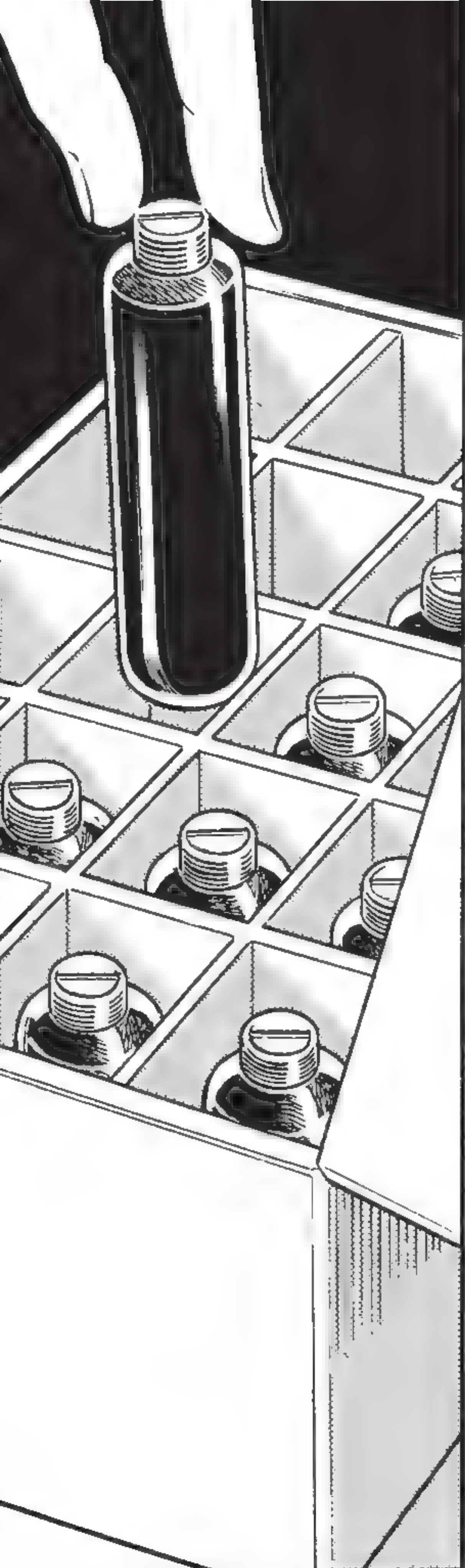
BUT ONCE THEY ARE FOUND, ONCE I FIND THEM, THEY WILL PAY.



PSH







THERE,  
THANK  
YOU.

PLEASE  
BE SURE TO  
WEAR THIS  
ARMBAND AT  
ALL TIMES.  
IT IS PROOF  
THAT YOU  
HAVE HAD  
BLOOD  
DRAWN.



DO YOU  
THINK  
THEY'LL  
REALLY  
TRY AND  
COME  
AFTER  
US?



SHE  
WON'T  
KNOW.  
I...DON'T  
EVER  
WANT  
HER TO  
KNOW.

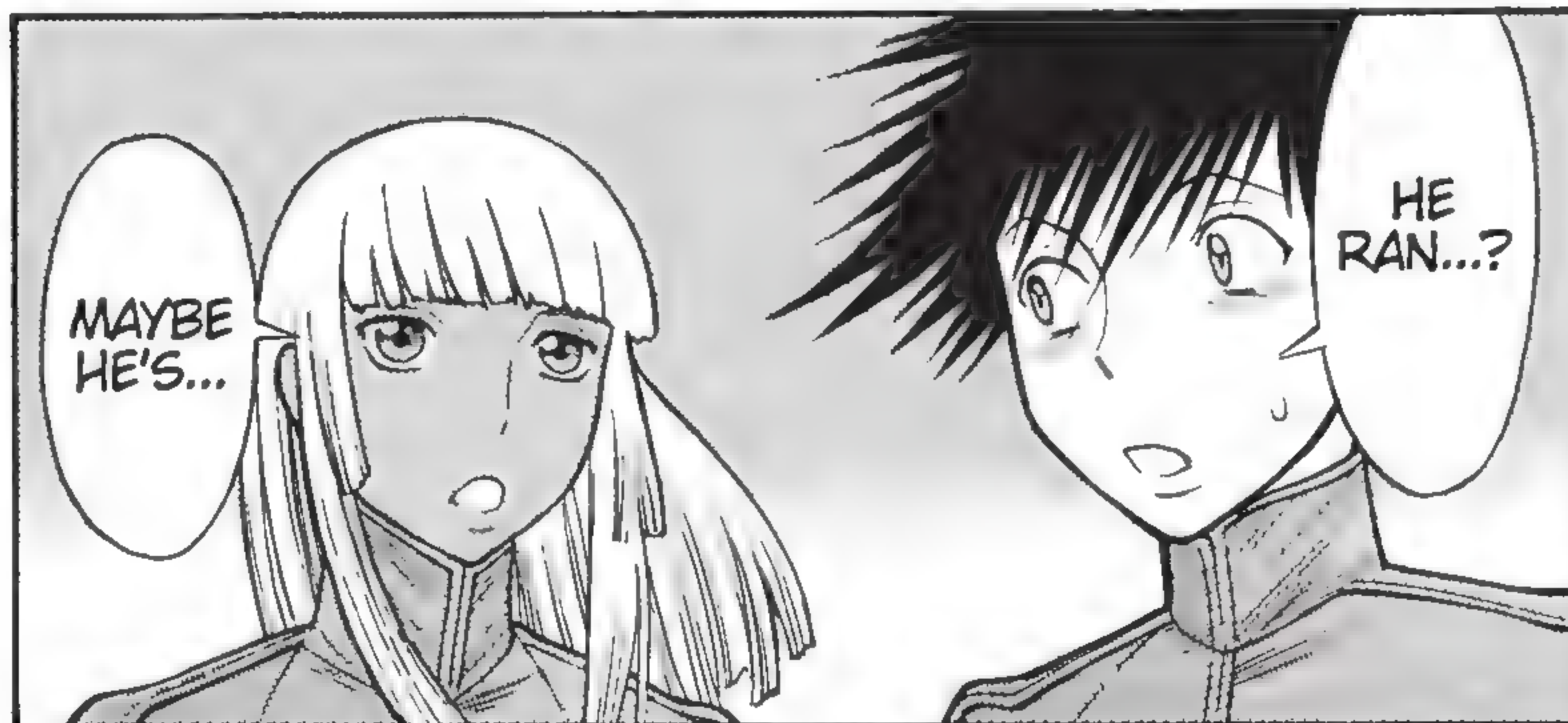
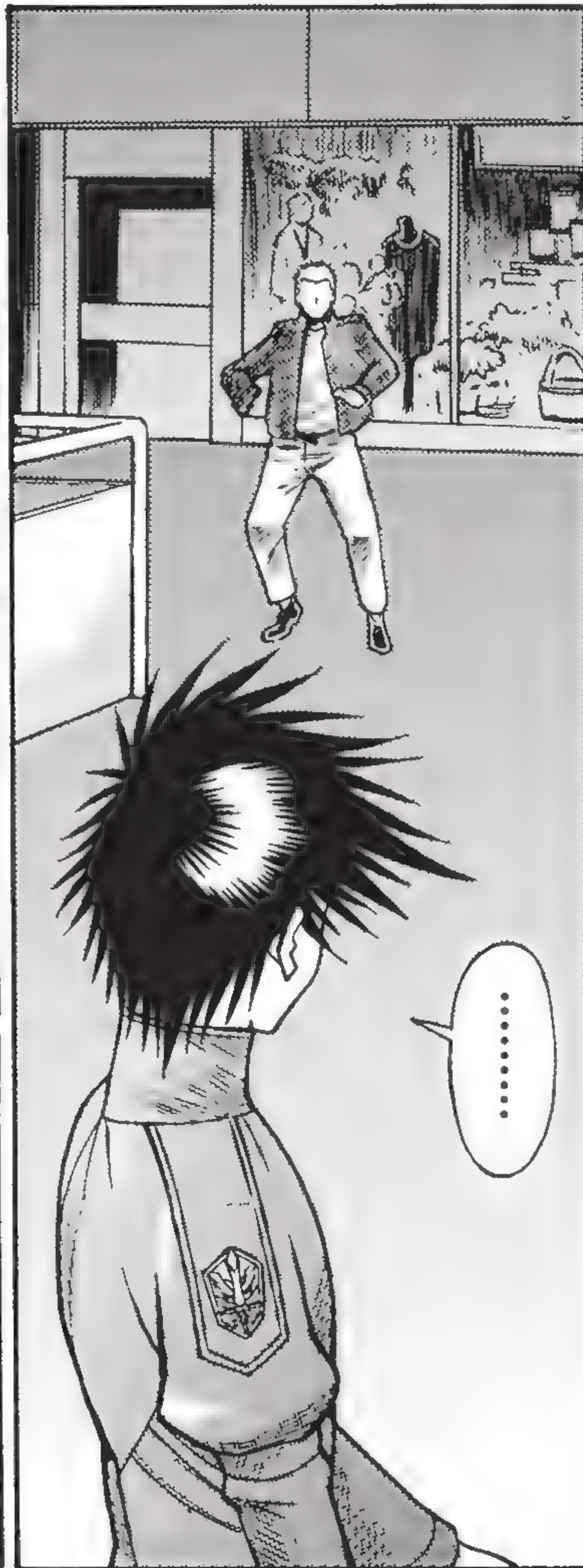
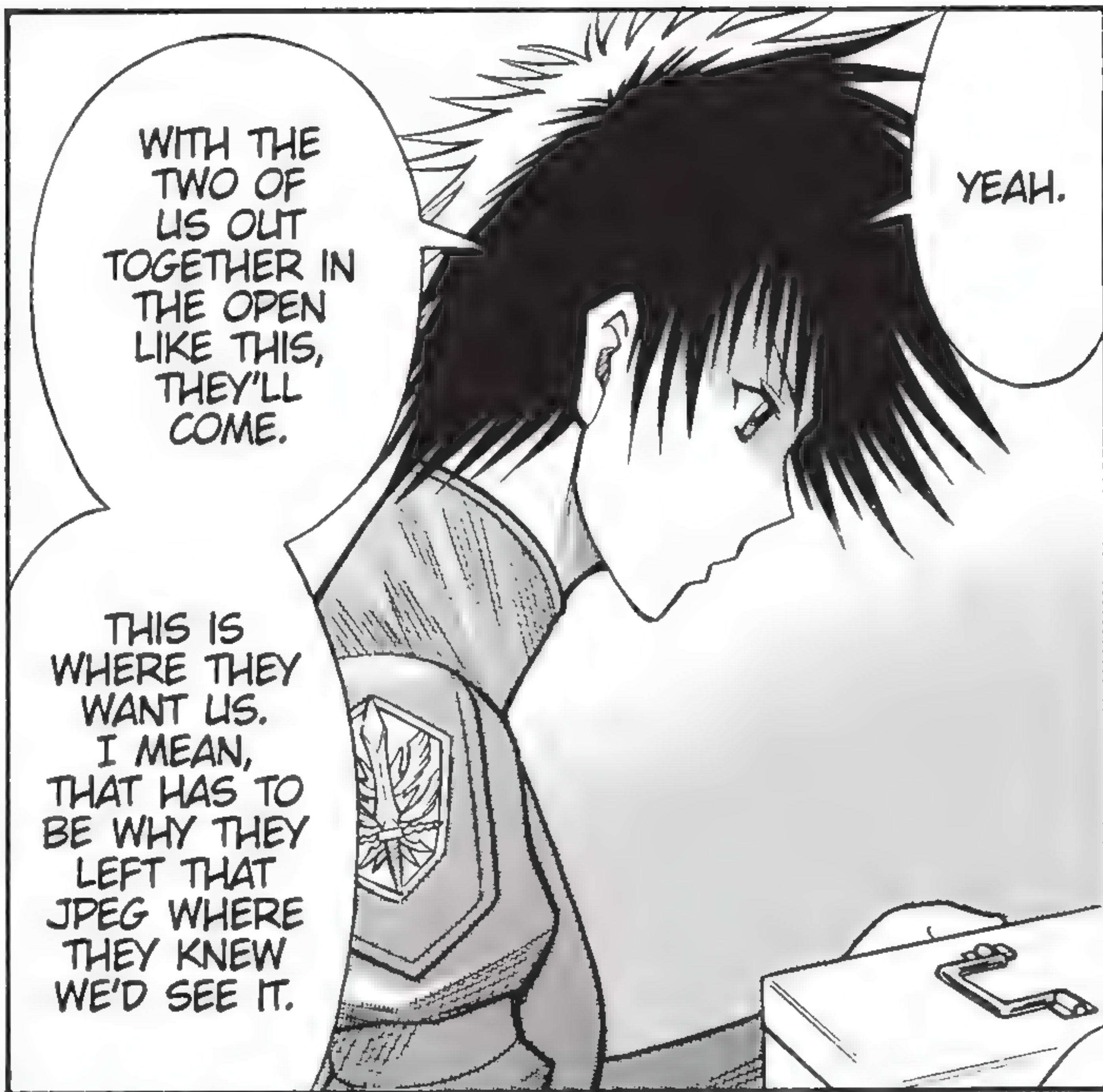


WHEW.  
THREE  
DAYS  
DOWN,  
WHO  
KNOWS  
HOW  
MANY TO  
GO...

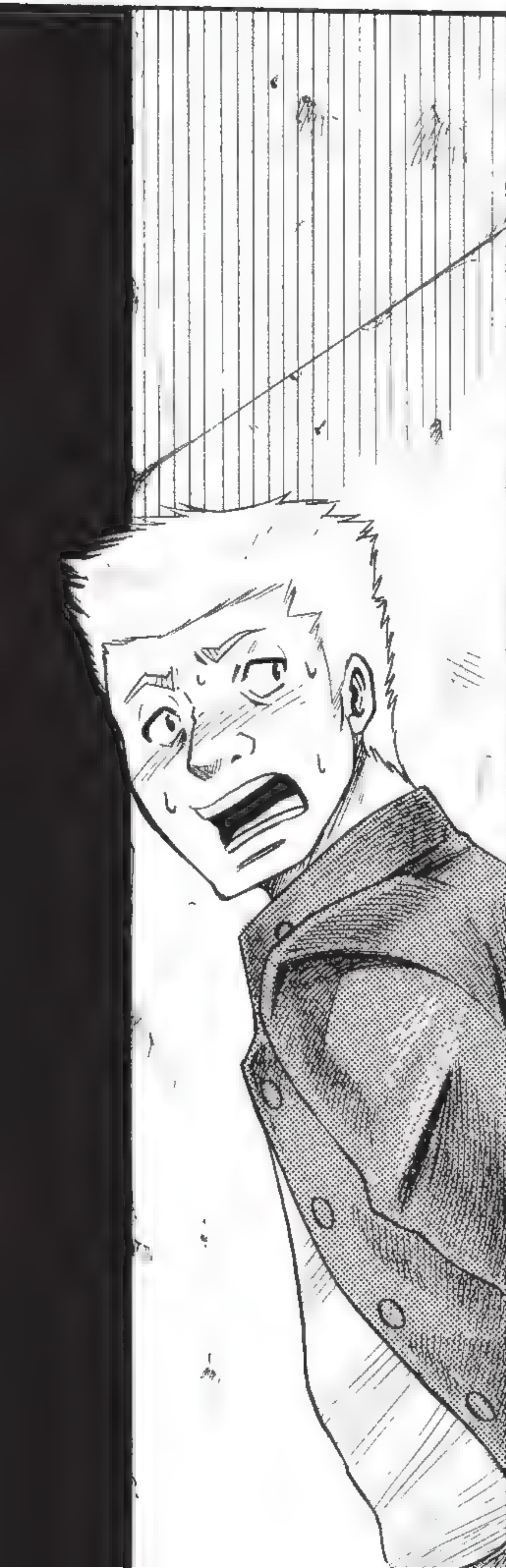
HEY, AKIRA?  
DO YOU THINK  
HER MAJESTY  
WOULD GET MAD  
IF SHE EVER  
FOUND OUT  
OUR "SPECIAL  
MISSION" WAS  
JUST GOING OUT  
AND DRAWING  
BLOOD  
SAMPLES?

DOESN'T  
MATTER.





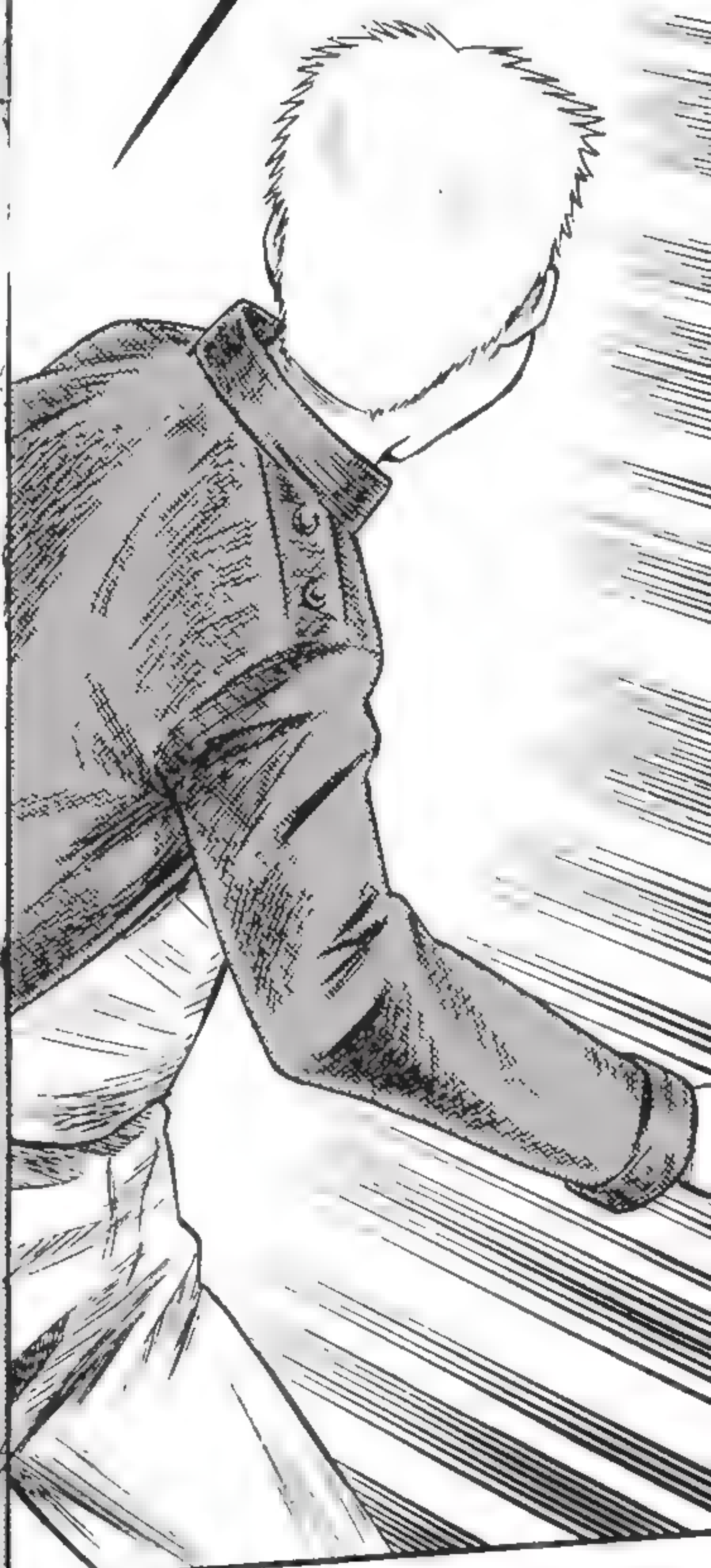
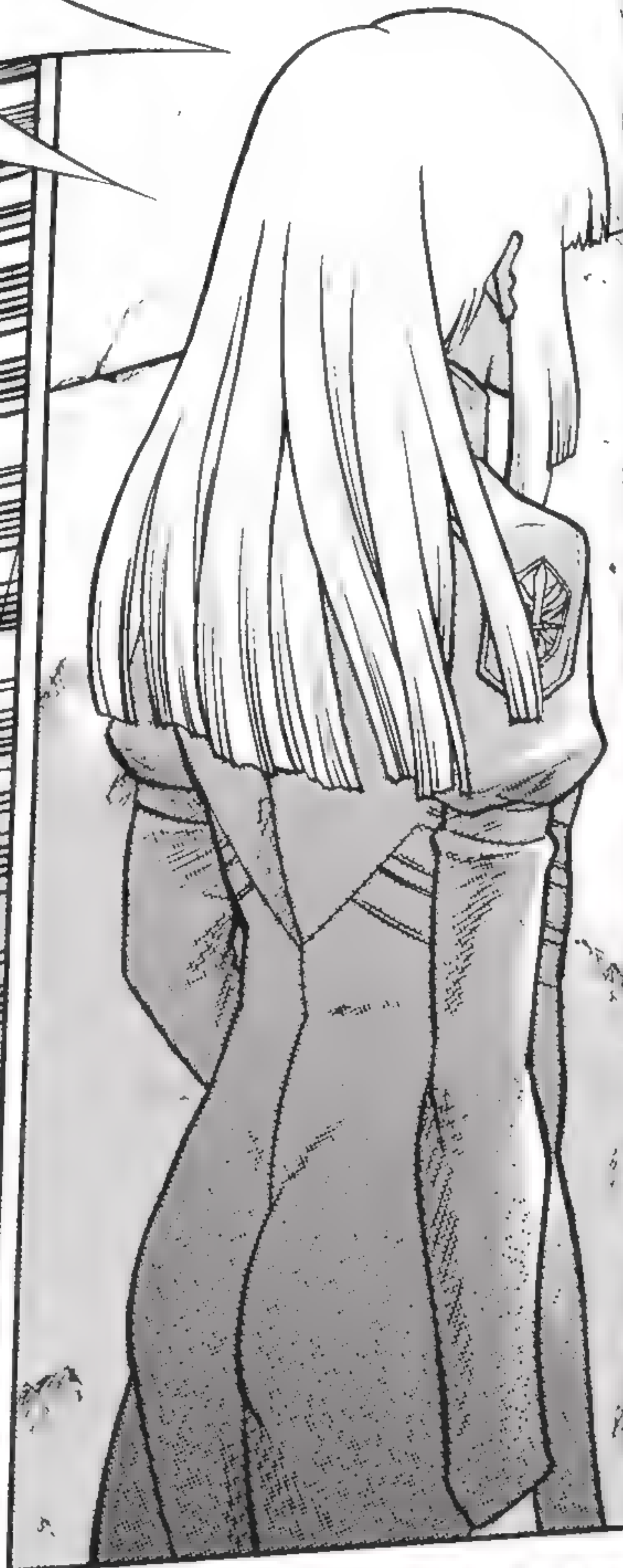






AAGHHH!!

F!!  
TMP!!

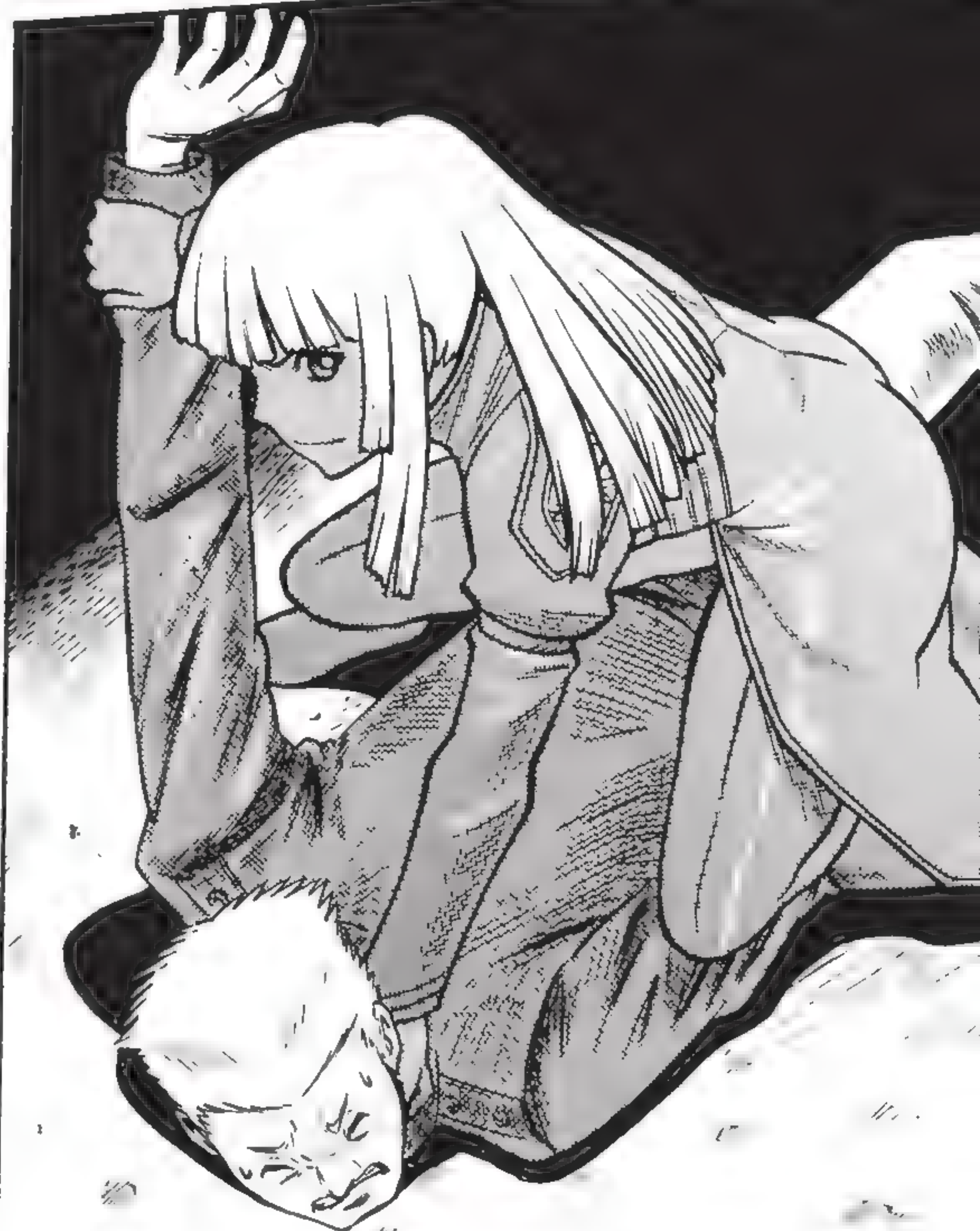


I AIN'T  
GOT NO  
NANO-  
MACHINES  
OR  
WHATEVER  
IN ME!

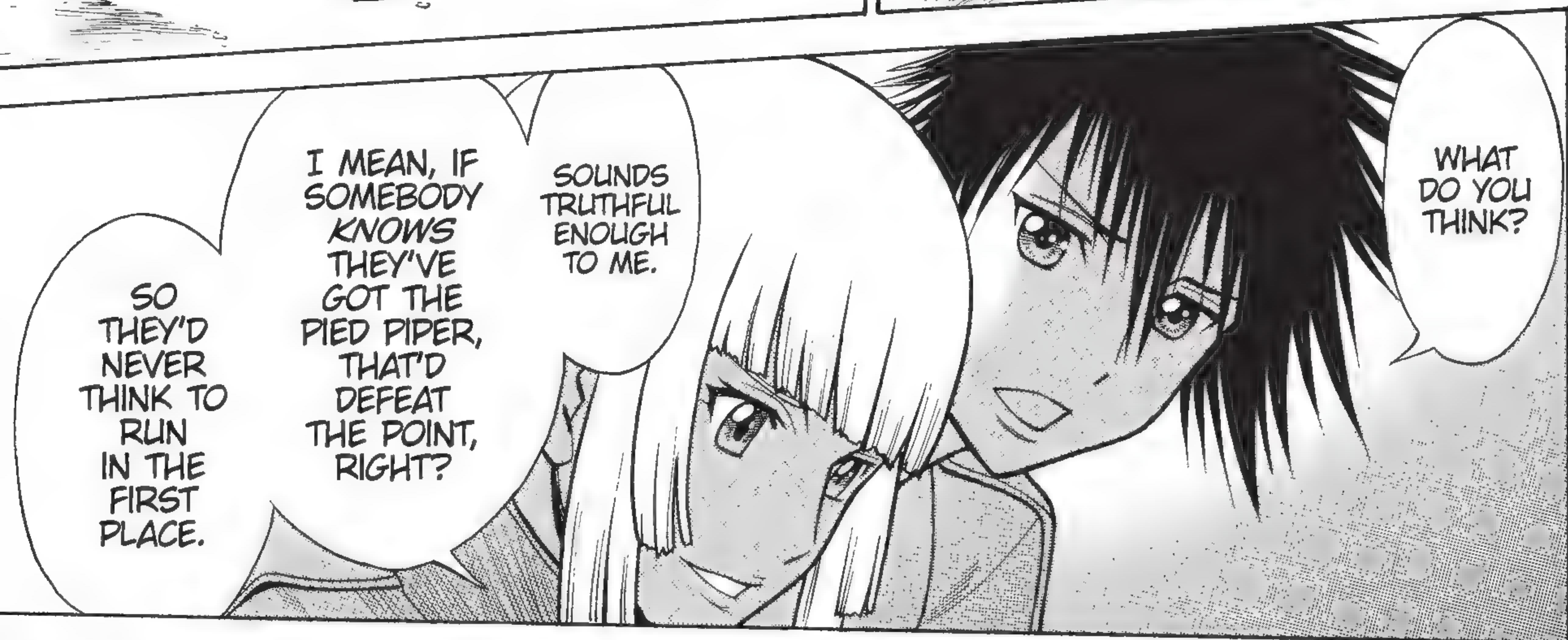
P-  
PLEASE  
...

LISTEN  
TO ME!

NICELY  
DONE.















SKRAK

SKRAK

KRINGH

AKIRA!!

GLARE

GRAB

WOOO





ANGIE!!

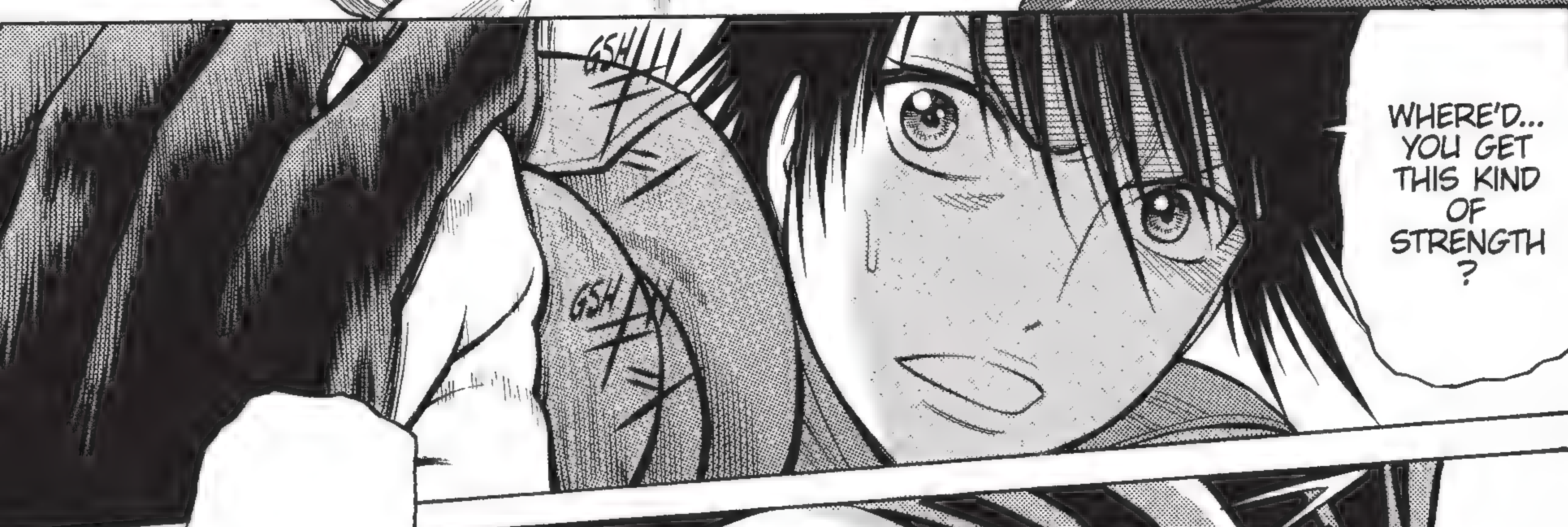
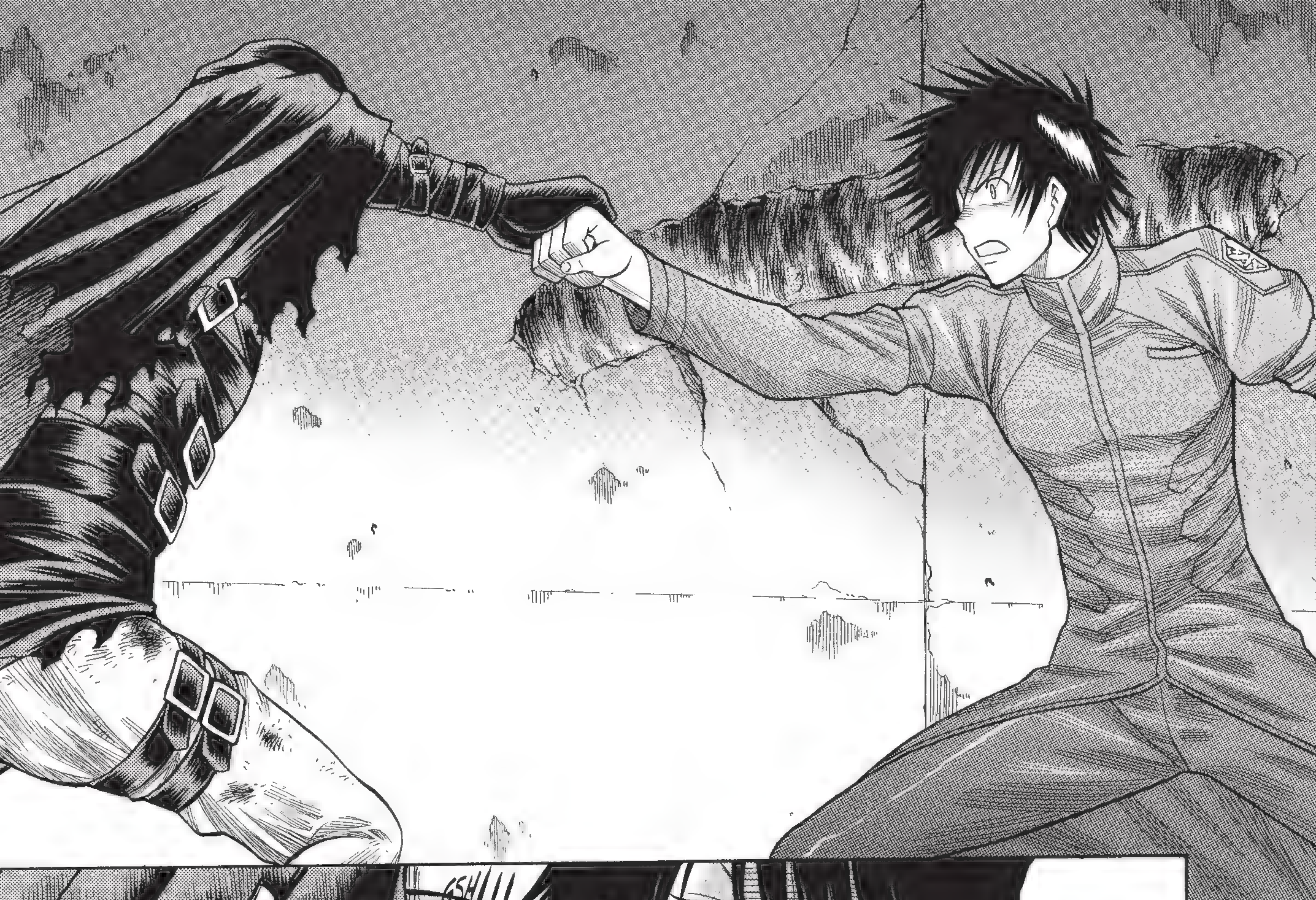
WASH

WHUNCH

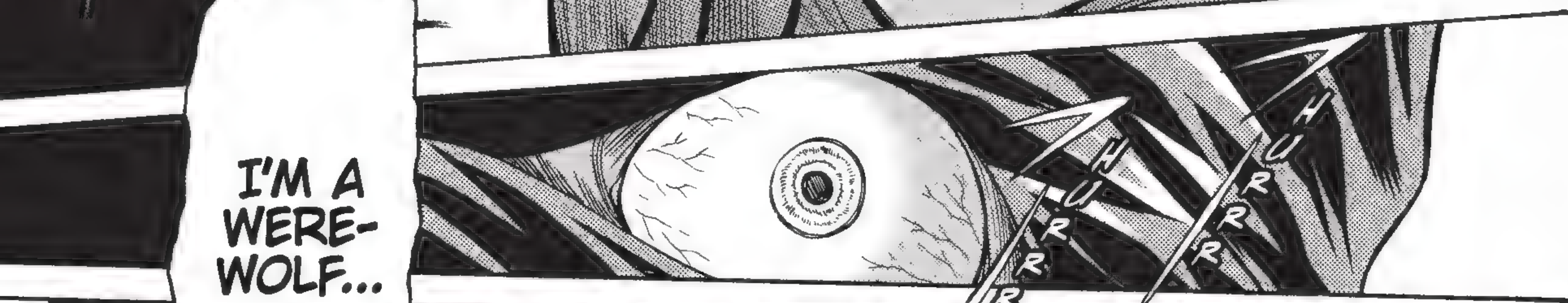
WHOOOSH

WHA?

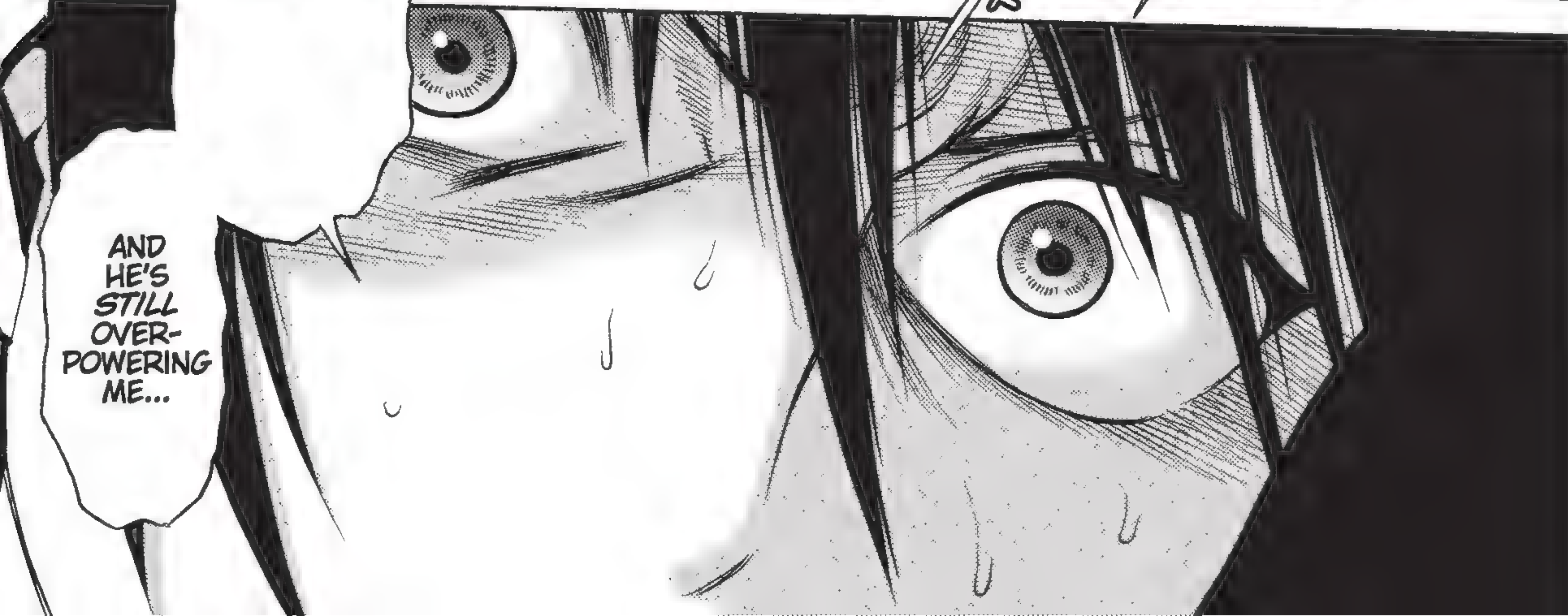




WHERE'D...  
YOU GET  
THIS KIND  
OF  
STRENGTH  
?

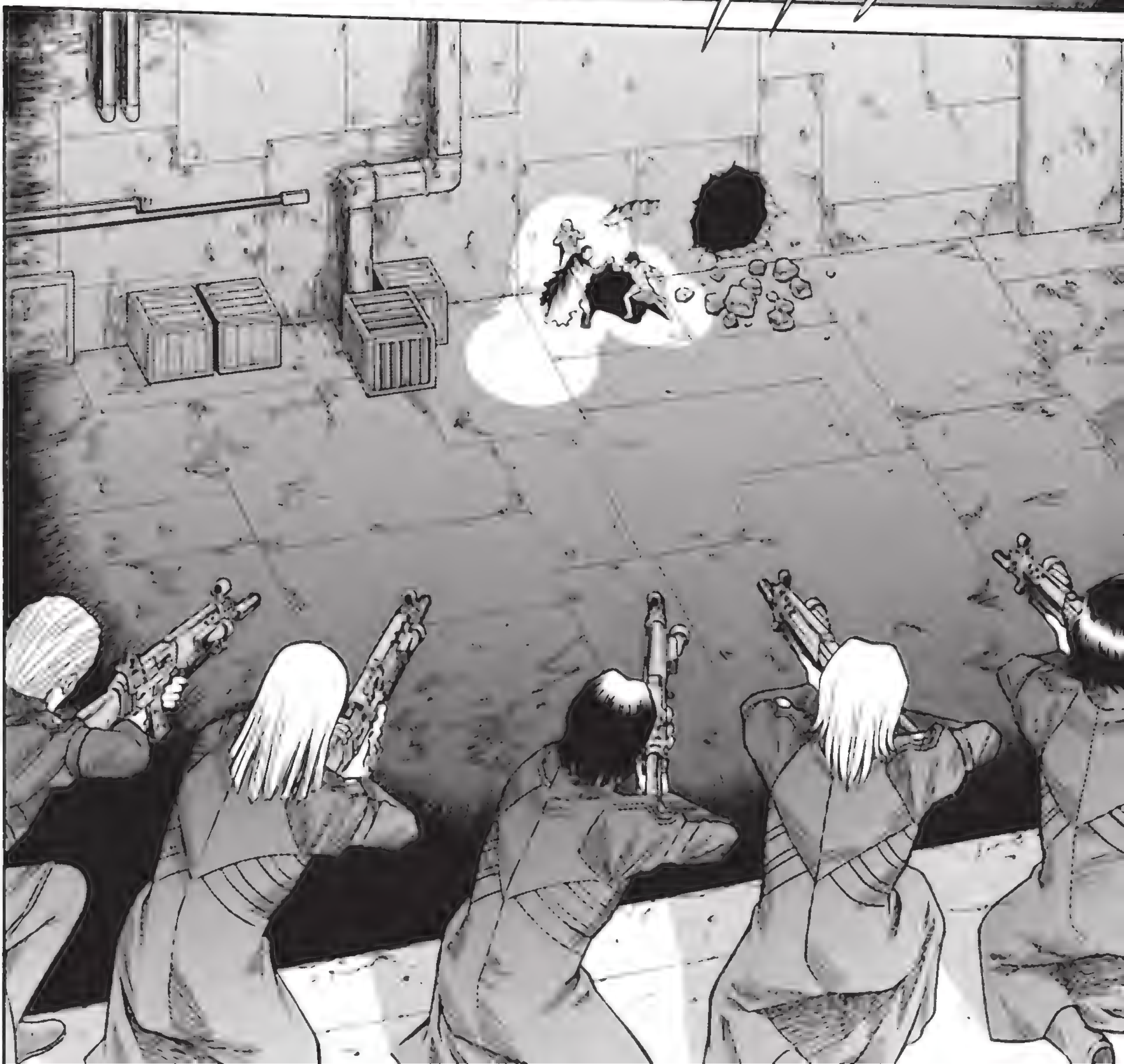
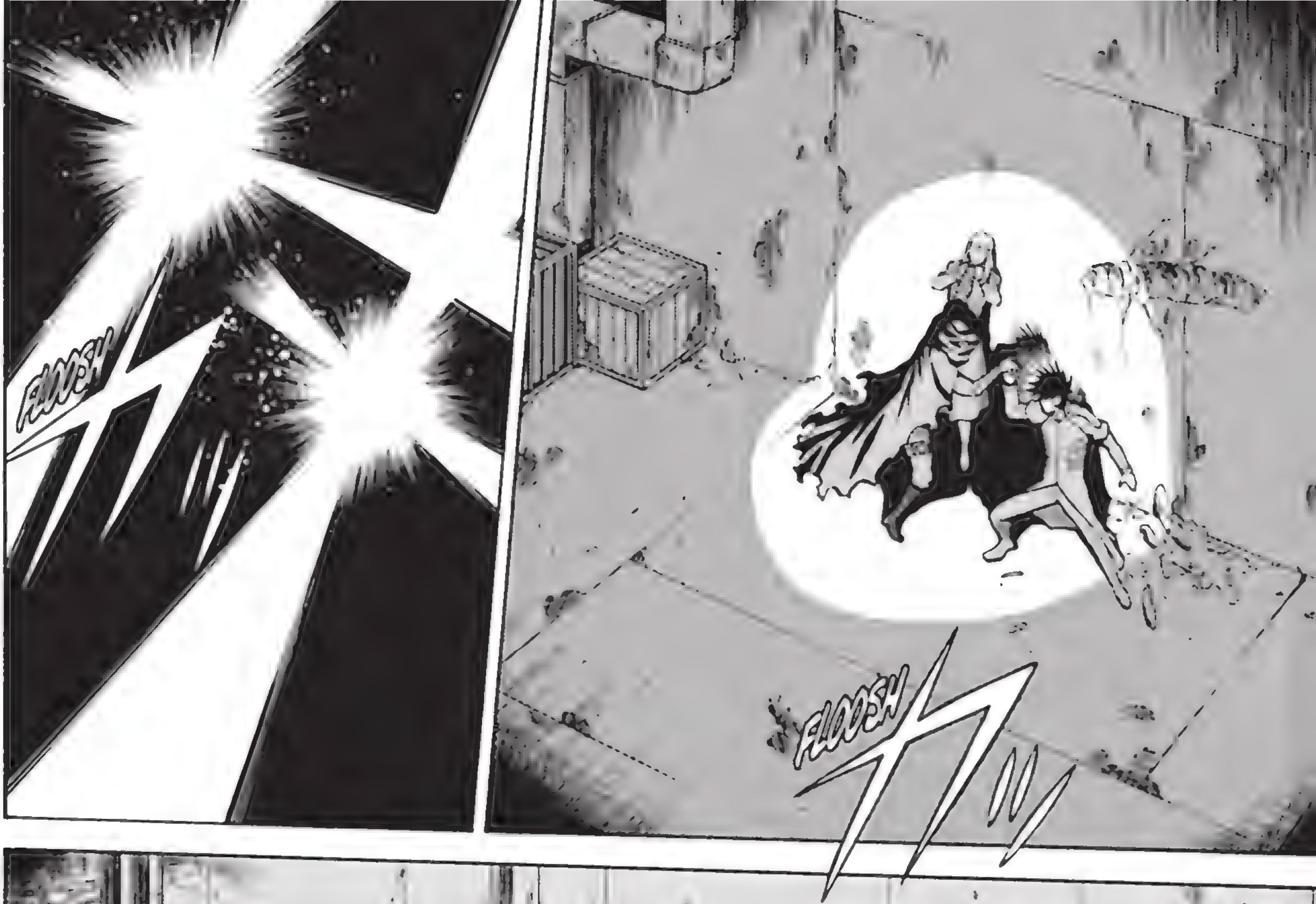


I'M A  
WERE-  
WOLF...



AND  
HE'S  
STILL  
OVER-  
POWERING  
ME...









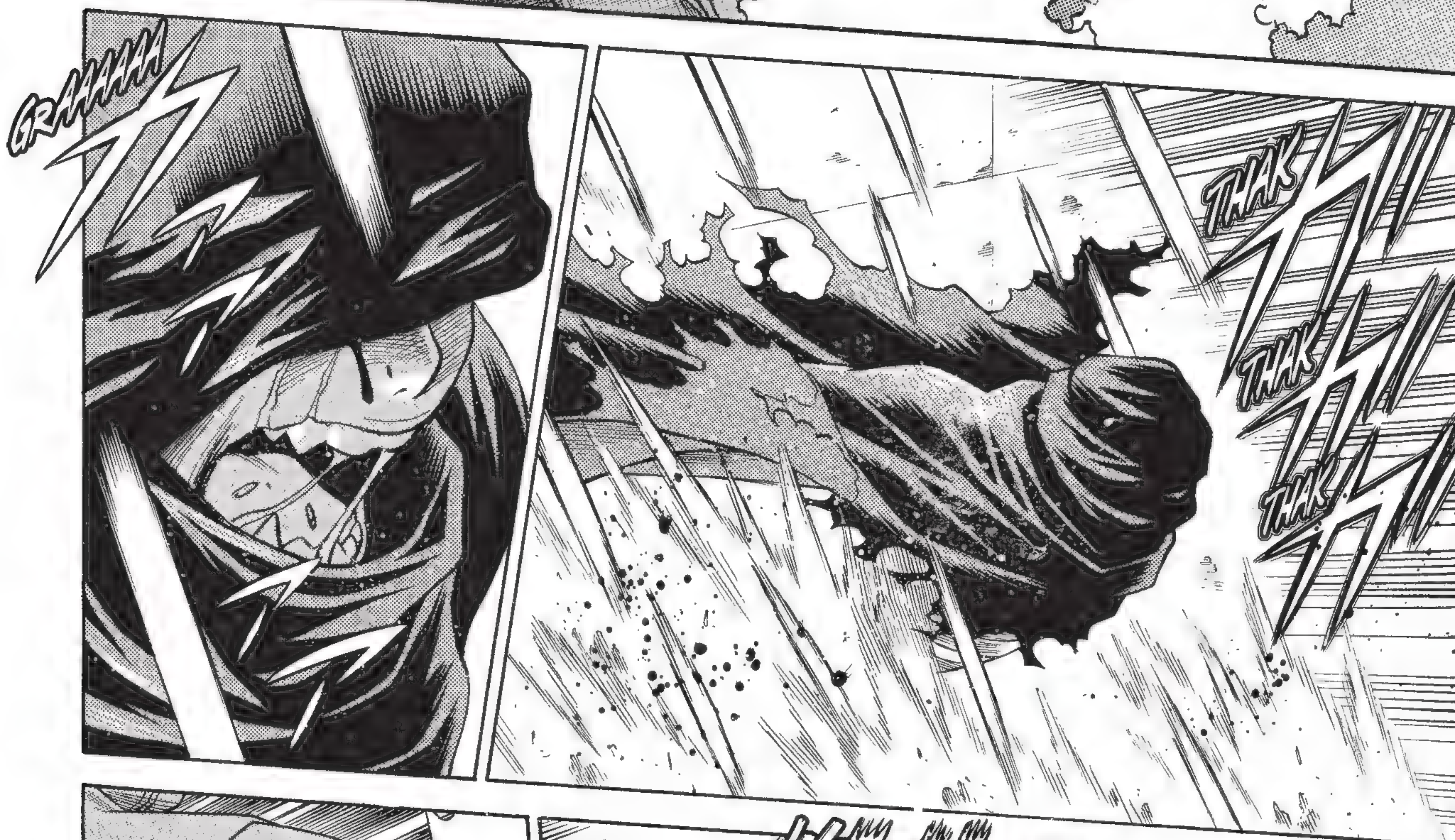
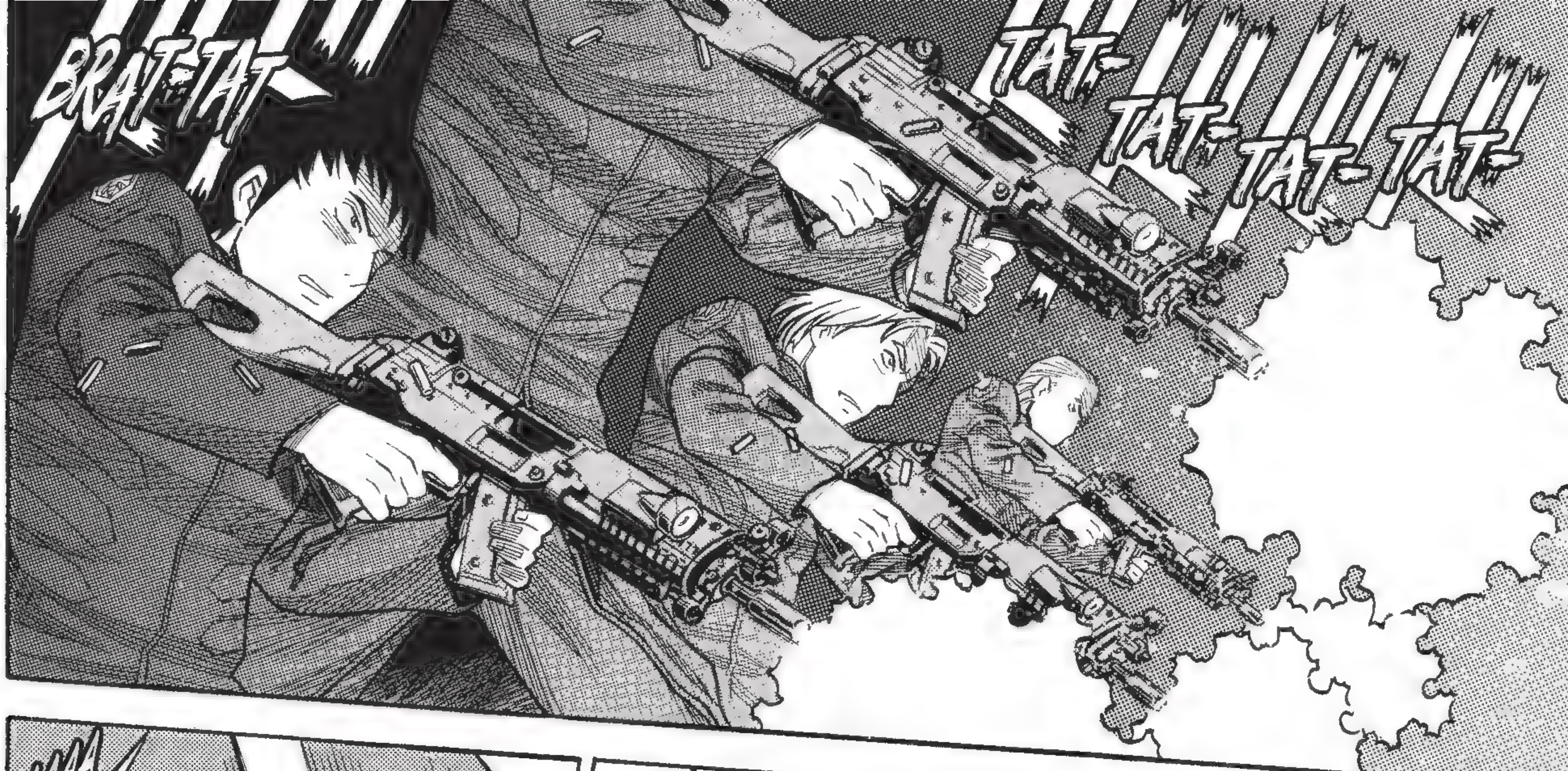
URRRR!!

MOVE,  
AND WE  
WILL  
SHOOT.

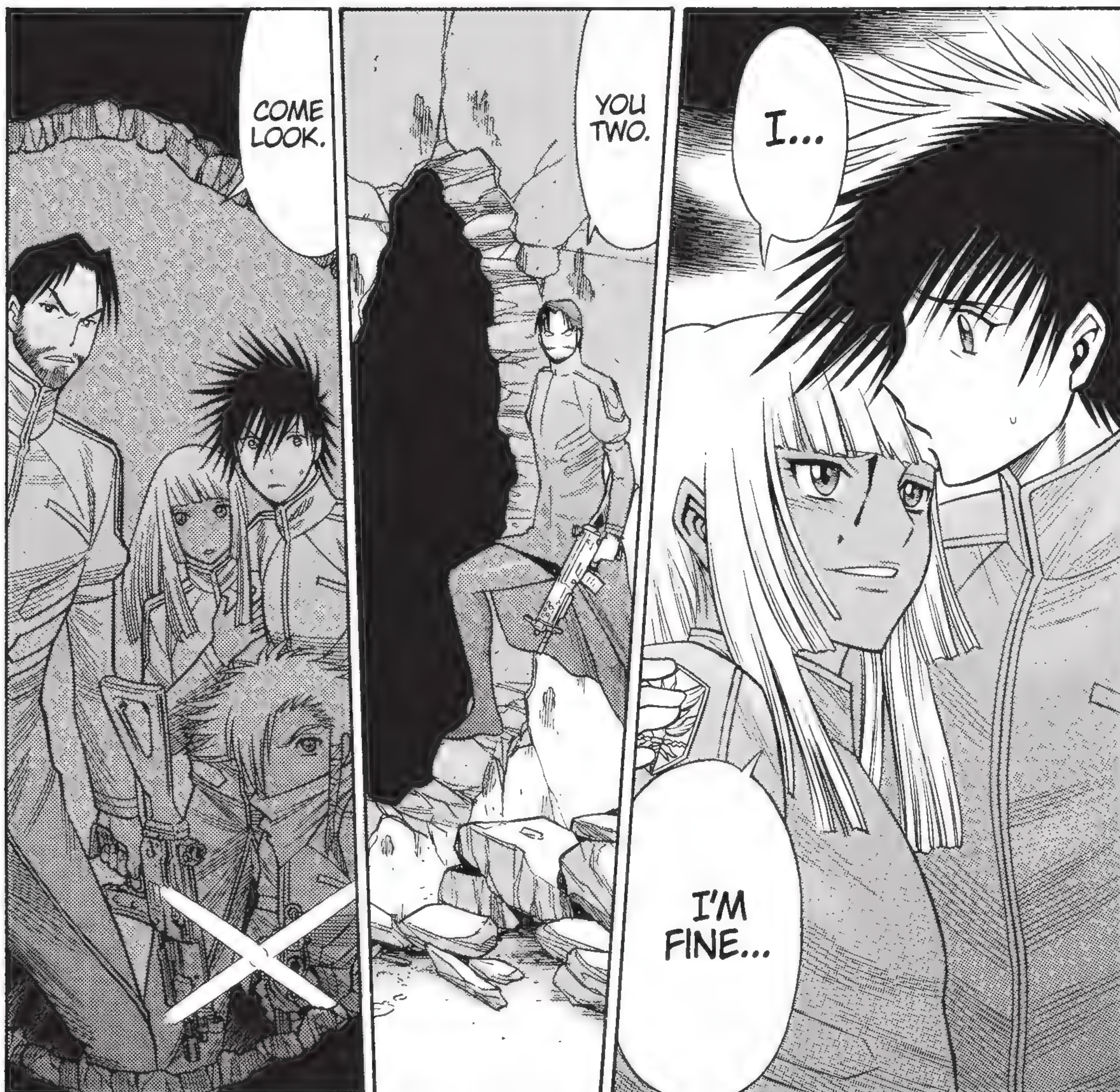
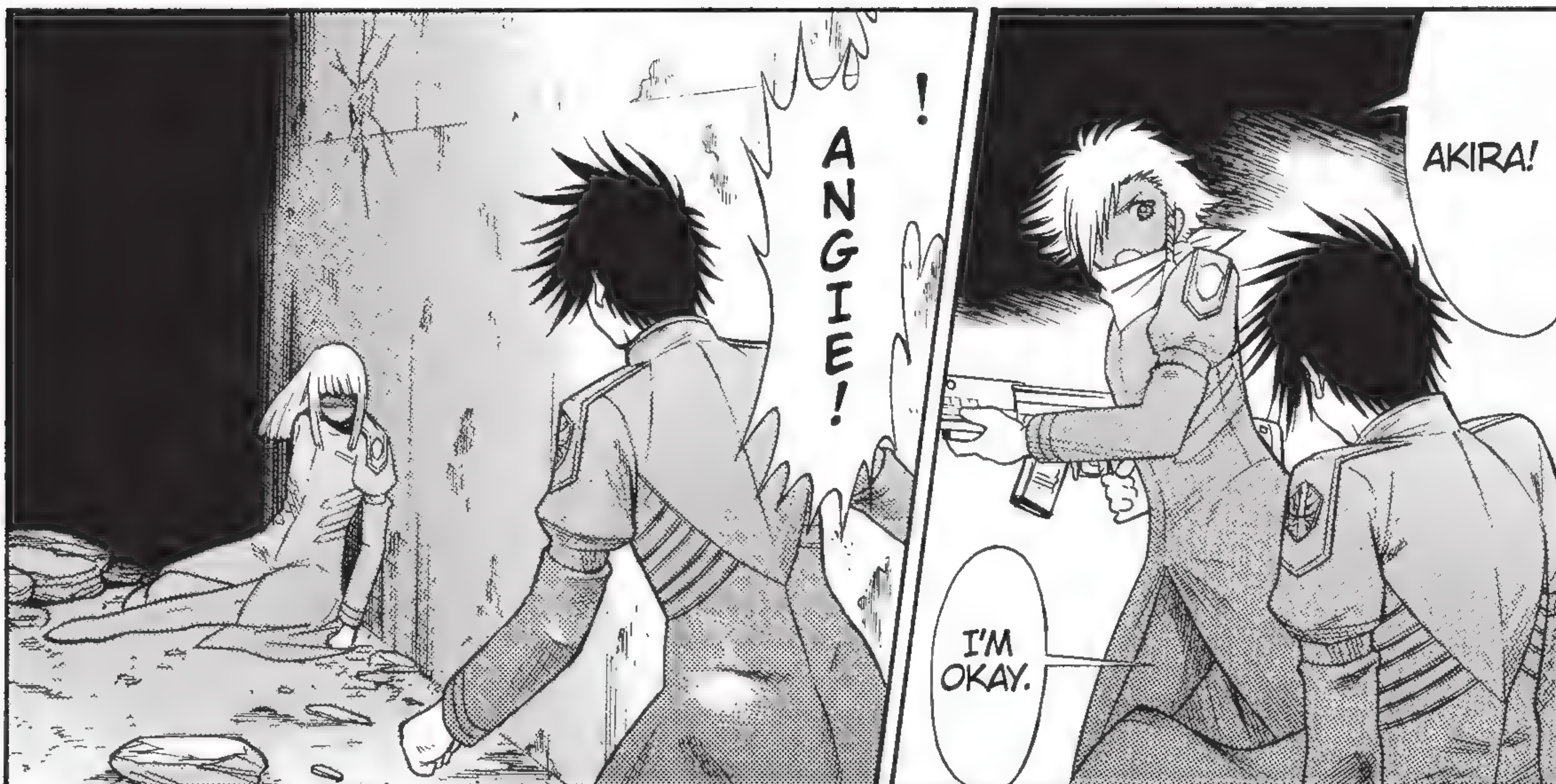
FREEZE.



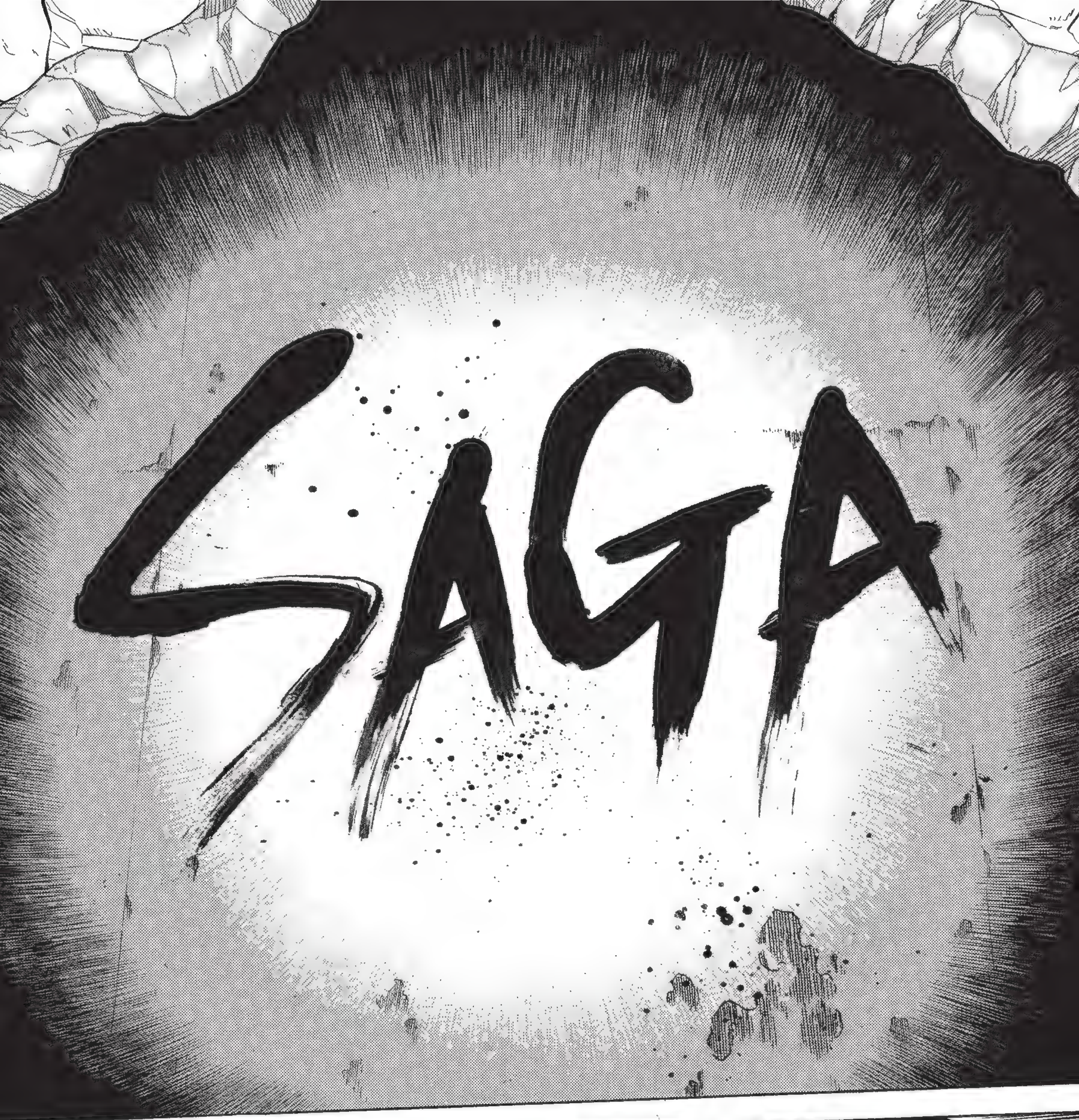




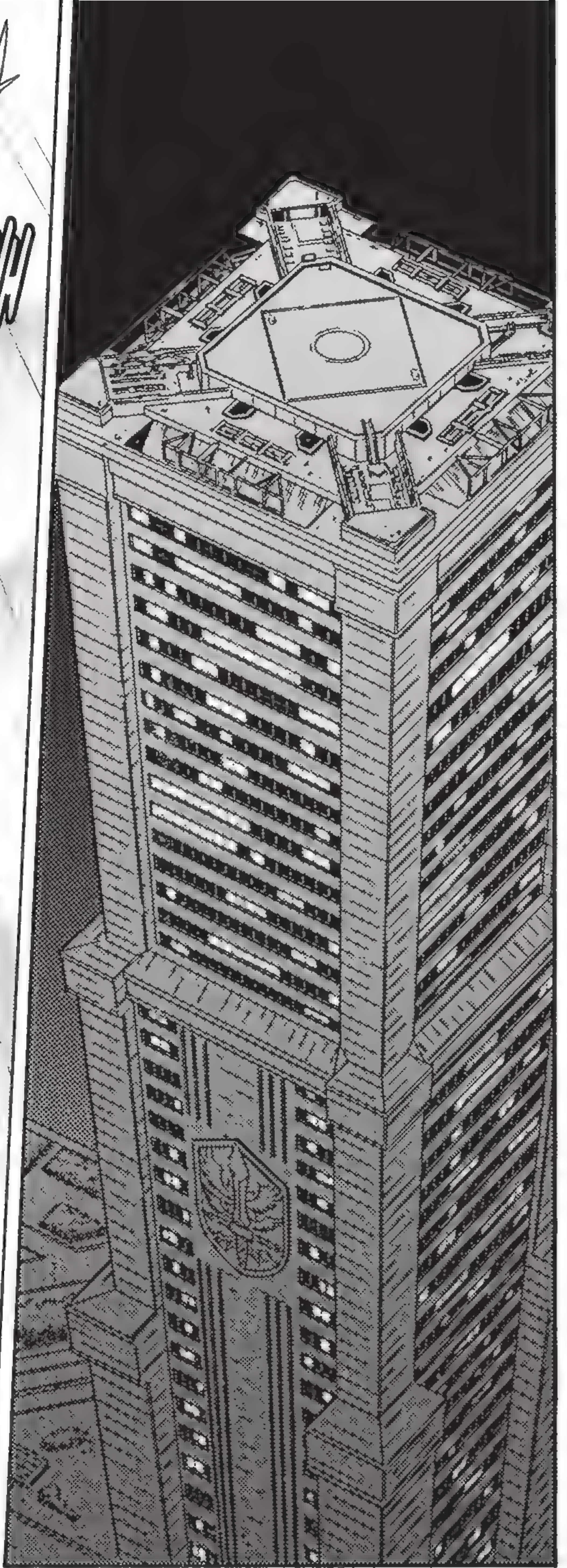




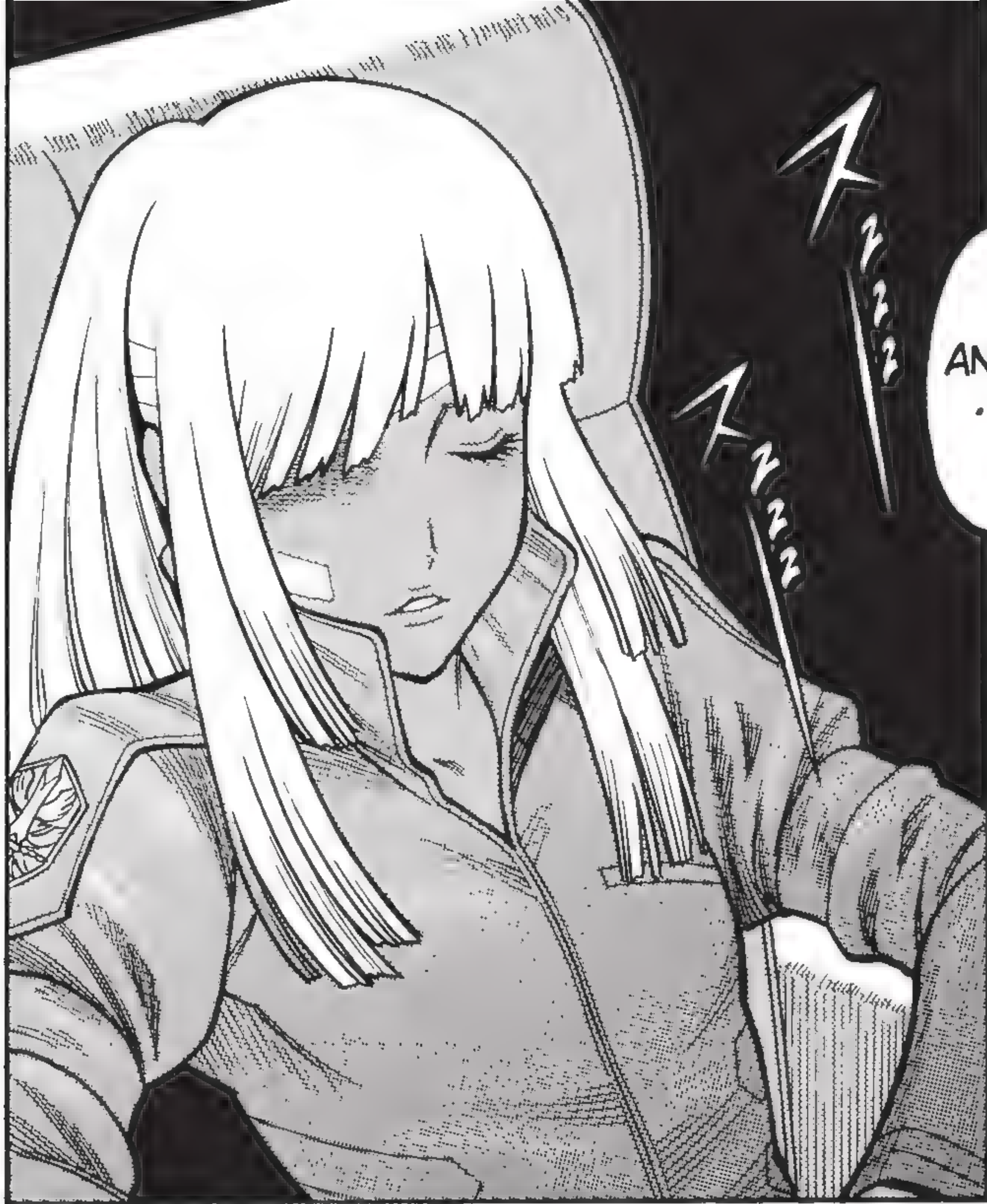










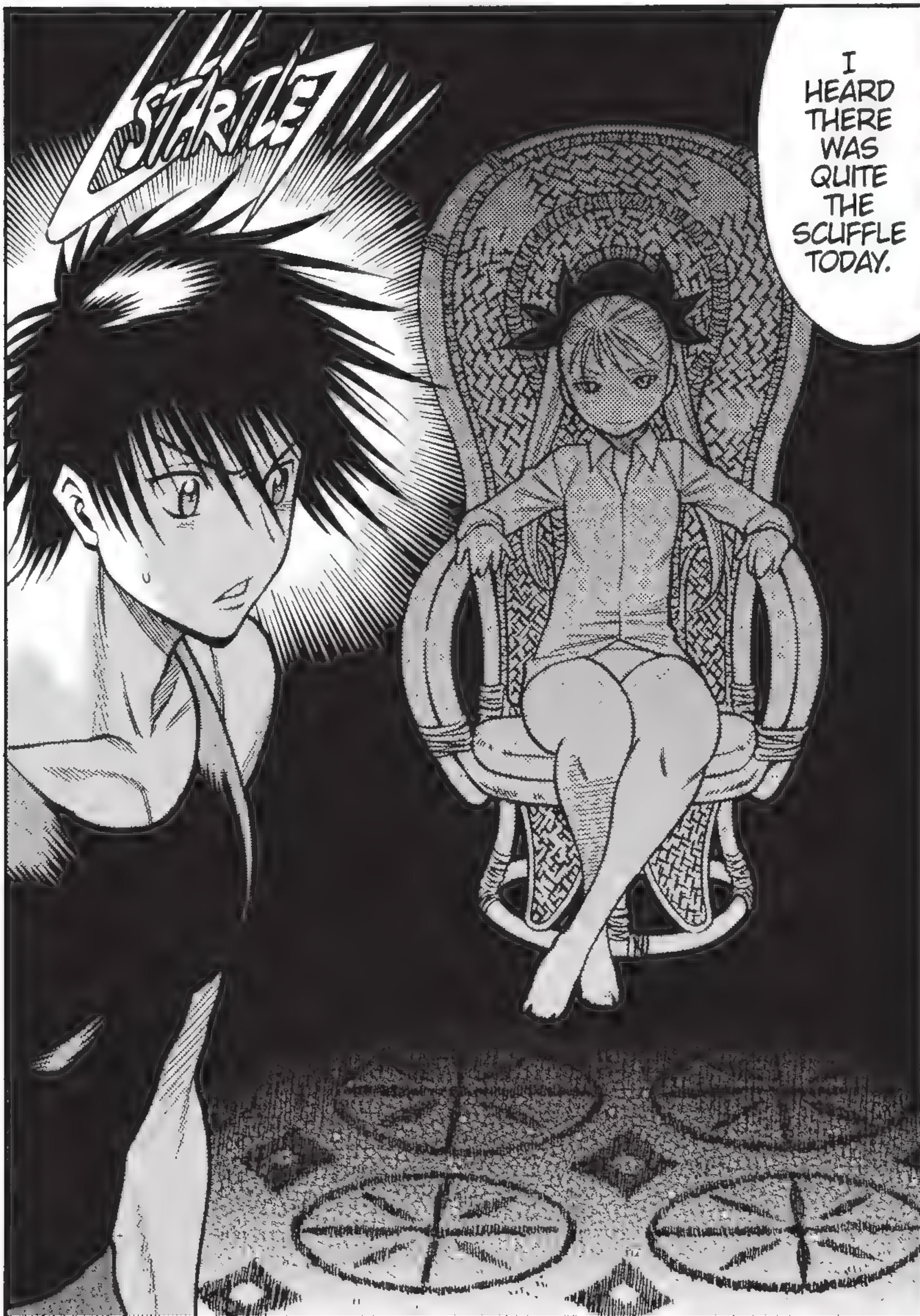


ANGIE  
...?



HEY,  
ANGIE  
...

YOU  
REALLY  
SHOULD  
GET A  
SHOWER  
BEFORE  
YOU HEAD  
HOME...  
HN?

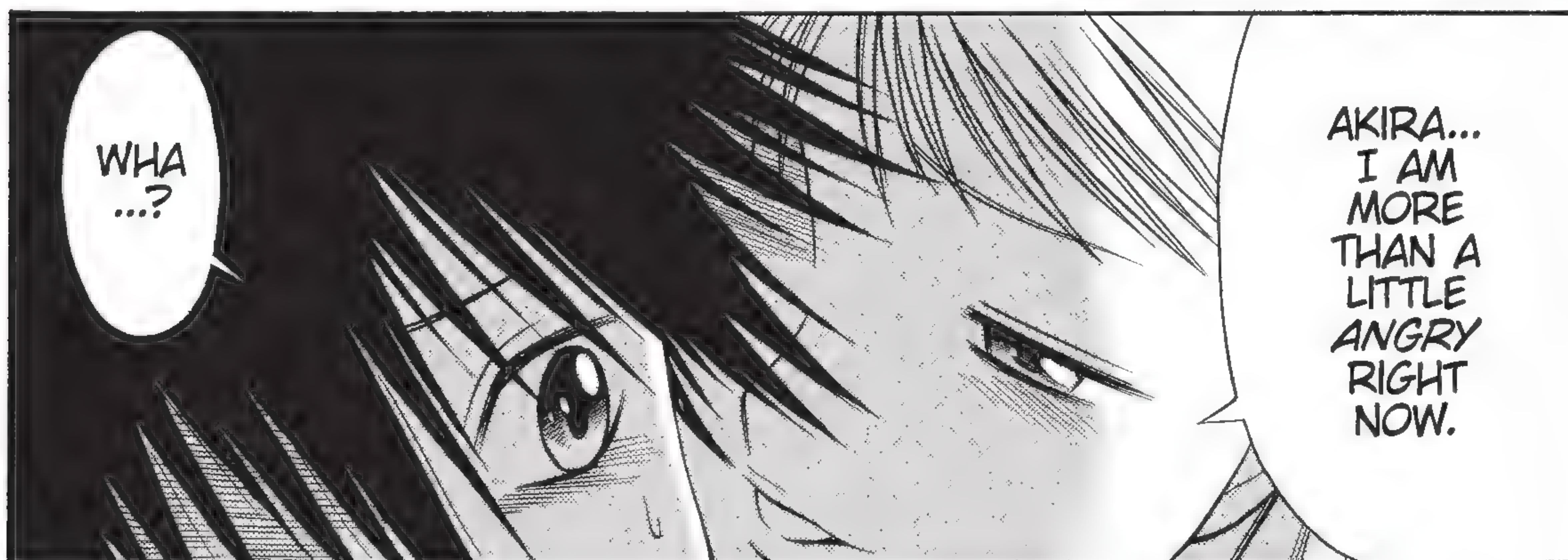
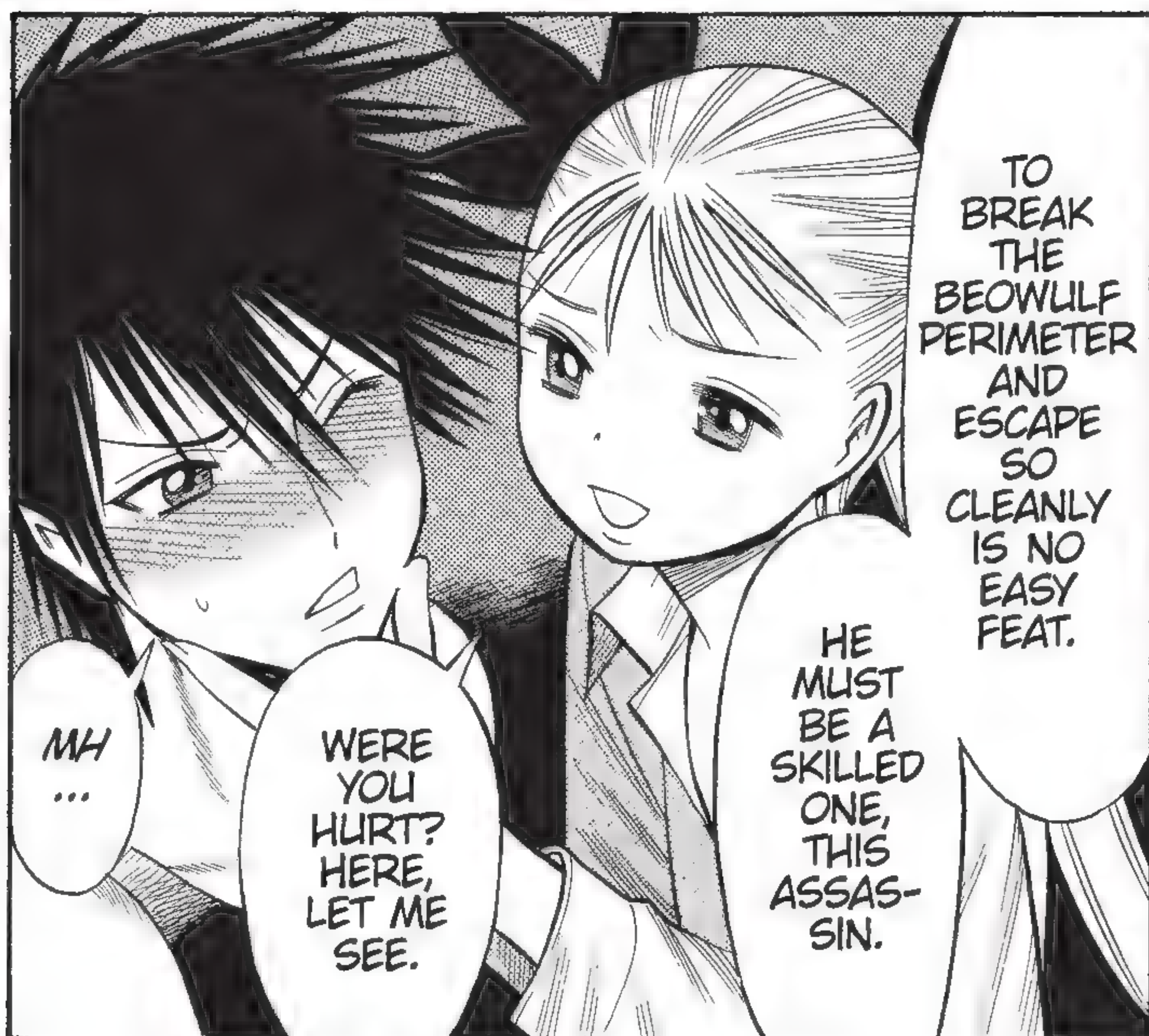


I  
HEARD  
THERE  
WAS  
QUITE  
THE  
SCUFFLE  
TODAY.



...









AKIRA  
...

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
HIDING  
FROM  
ME?



OH,  
AND LET  
US NOT  
FORGET  
THE WORD  
"SAGA"  
APPEARING  
AGAIN AT  
THE SCENE  
OF YOUR  
BATTLE.

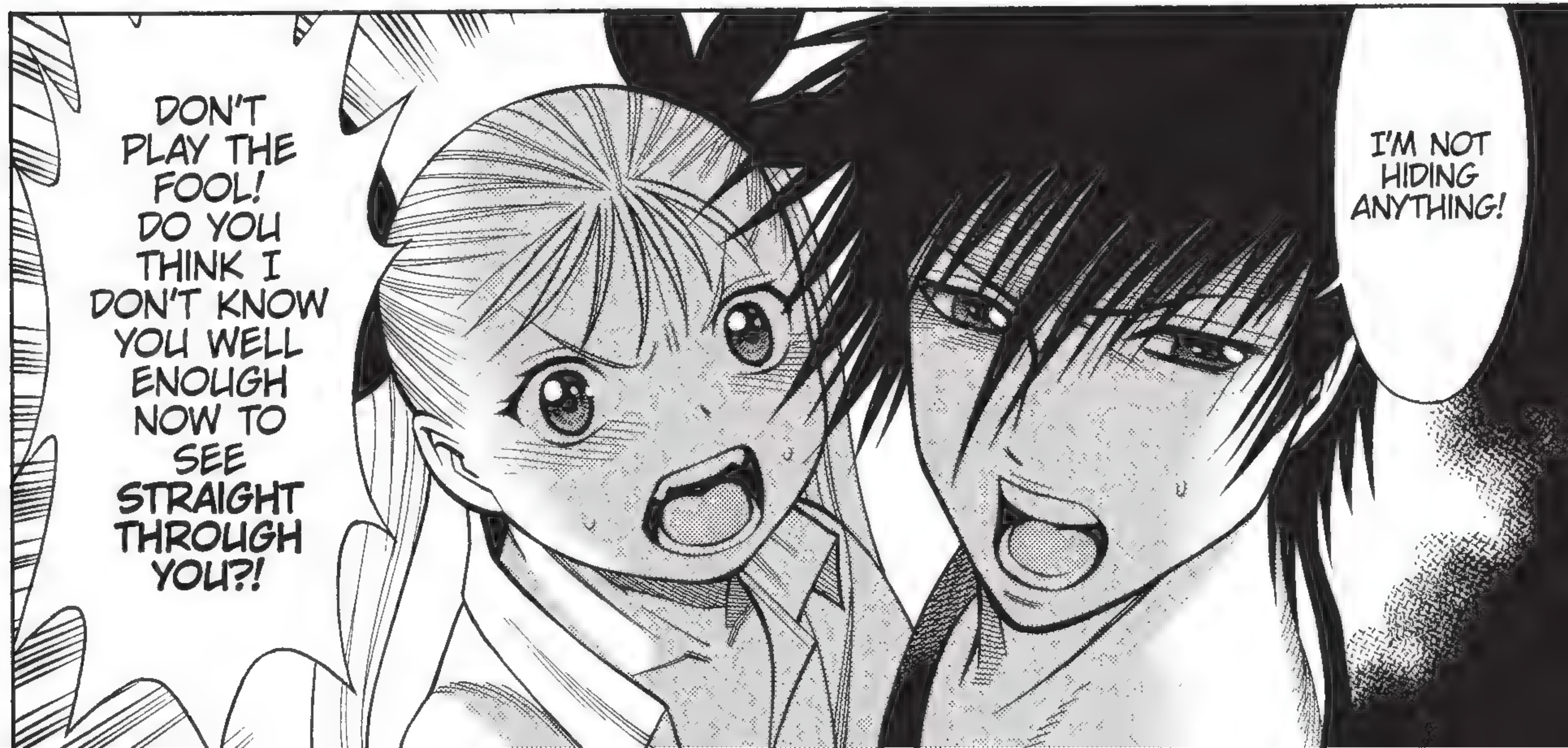
ALL  
THAT IS  
PURE  
HAPPEN-  
STANCE?  
I THINK  
NOT.



OH,  
YOU'RE  
NOT,  
HM?

SO  
TOSSING  
ASIDE  
YOUR  
DUTY TO  
GUARD  
ME...

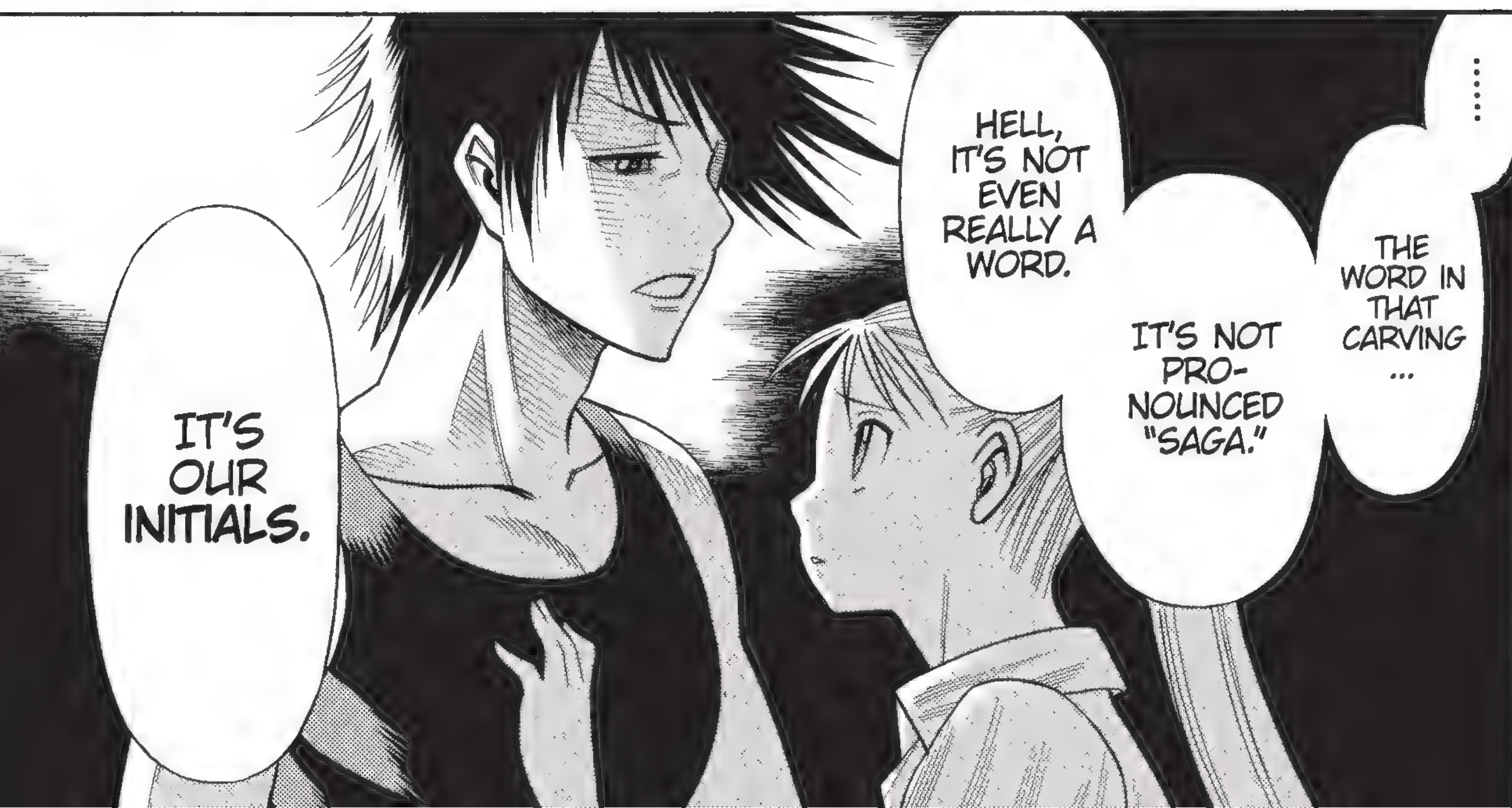
JUST SO THAT  
YOU COULD DRAW  
BLOOD FOR DAYS  
WAS MERE WHIM?  
AND GETTING  
ATTACKED BY AN  
ASSASSIN WHILE  
YOU WERE SO  
CONSPICUOUSLY  
OUT IN THE  
OPEN LIKE THAT  
WAS SIMPLE  
COINCIDENCE?



DON'T  
PLAY THE  
FOOL!  
DO YOU  
THINK I  
DON'T KNOW  
YOU WELL  
ENOUGH  
NOW TO  
SEE  
STRAIGHT  
THROUGH  
YOU?!

I'M NOT  
HIDING  
ANYTHING!

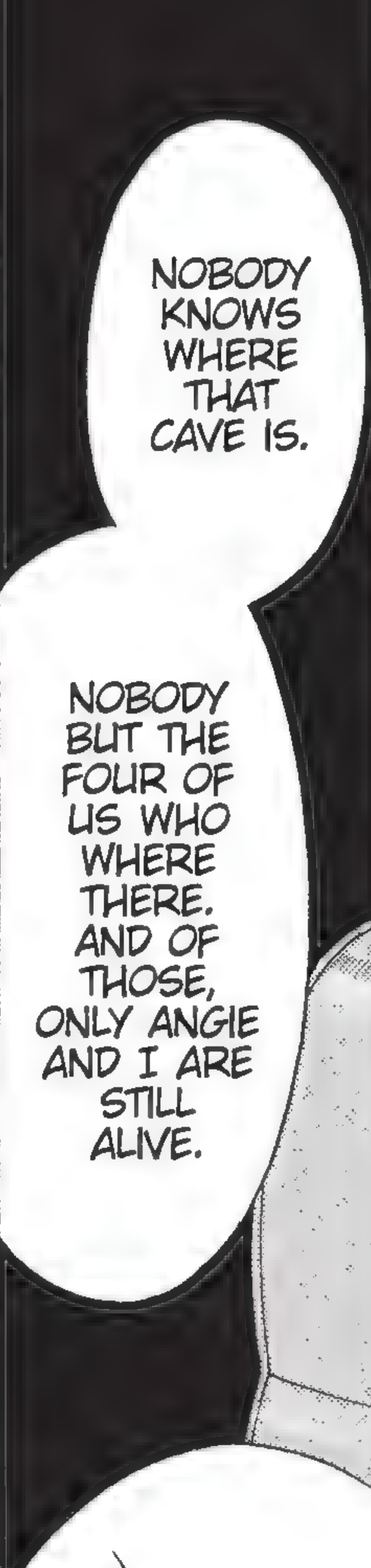




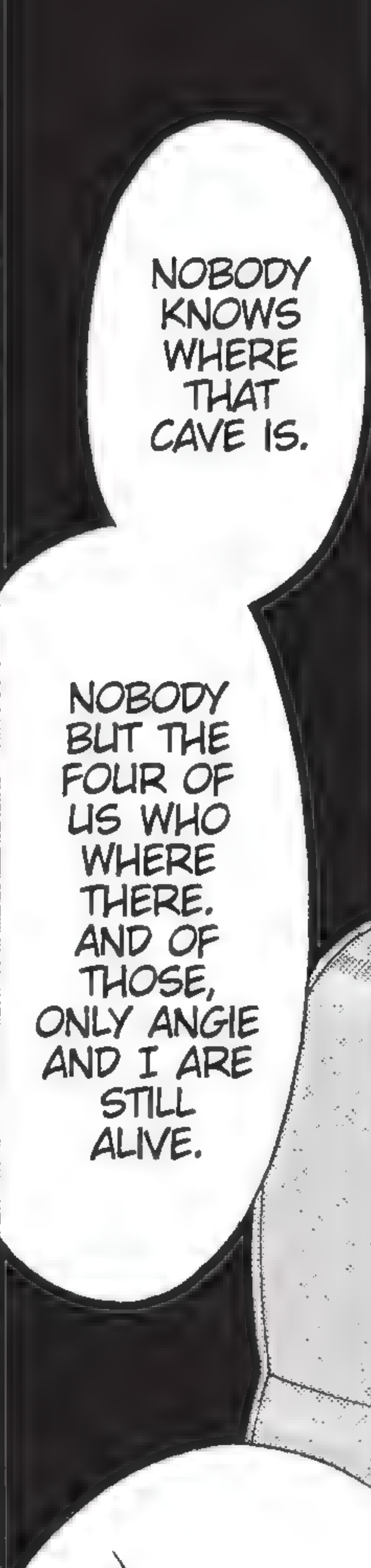




SO THE  
IMAGE  
LEFT ON  
THAT  
COMPLTER  
...



NOBODY  
KNOWS  
WHERE  
THAT  
CAVE IS.



NOBODY  
BUT THE  
FOUR OF  
US WHO  
WHERE  
THERE.  
AND OF  
THOSE,  
ONLY ANGIE  
AND I ARE  
STILL  
ALIVE.



IT HAS  
TO BE A  
MESSAGE  
FOR THE  
TWO OF  
US.



**NO...**



SANIN.



ANGIE.



GRA-  
HAM.




AKIRA.




THOSE  
FOUR  
NAMES  
ARE  
WHERE  
IT  
COMES  
FROM.



YEAH.  
THE FOUR  
OF US WHO  
SHARED A  
MONTH OF  
HARDSHIP  
AND FUN IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF THE  
SIBERIAN  
WINTER.




AS A SIGN  
OF THE  
BONDS WE  
HAD MADE,  
OF THE  
ETERNAL  
FRIENDSHIPS  
THAT WE'D  
STARTED, WE  
CARVED OUR  
INITIALS INTO  
THE WALL OF  
THE CAVE  
WE STAYED  
IN.



BUT  
THOSE  
ARE--!






NO MATTER  
HOW  
DESPERATELY  
YOU TRY TO  
COVER IT UP,  
THE PAST  
WILL NEVER  
FORGET YOU.




NO MATTER  
HOW HARD  
YOU TRY TO  
ERASE IT  
FROM YOUR  
MEMORIES...



NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
MUCH  
TIME  
PASSES...

I...

I WILL  
NOT  
FORGET.



SIT  
QUIETLY,  
LISTEN  
HARD, AND  
YOU WILL  
HEAR THE  
PITTER-PAT  
OF ITS  
FOOT-  
STEPS...

I WILL  
ALWAYS  
REMEM-  
BER.



I AWAIT  
THAT  
MOMENT...

WITH  
JOY.

IT WILL  
FOLLOW  
YOU  
EVERY-  
WHERE  
YOU GO.  
AND ONE  
DAY...

IT WILL  
CATCH UP  
TO YOU.

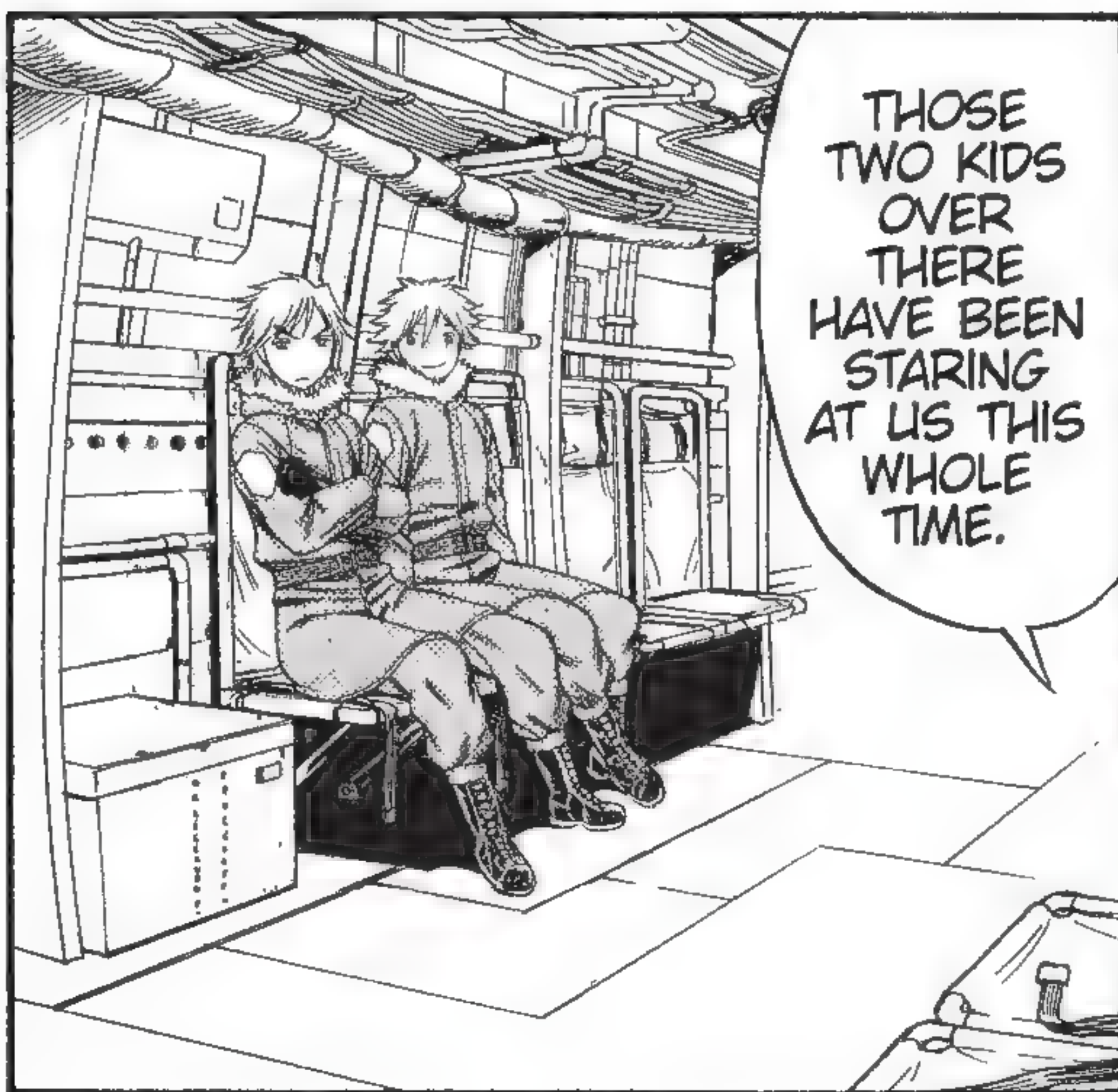
IT WILL LICK  
ITS CHOPS  
AND SINK  
ITS FANGS  
INTO YOUR  
THROAT,  
NEVER  
LETTING GO.

HRRR!

HRRR!

TINK







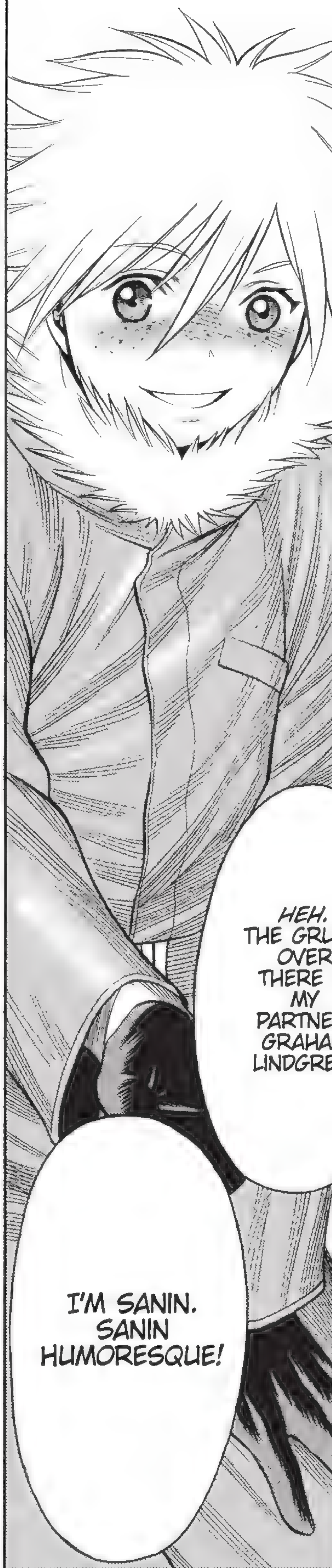




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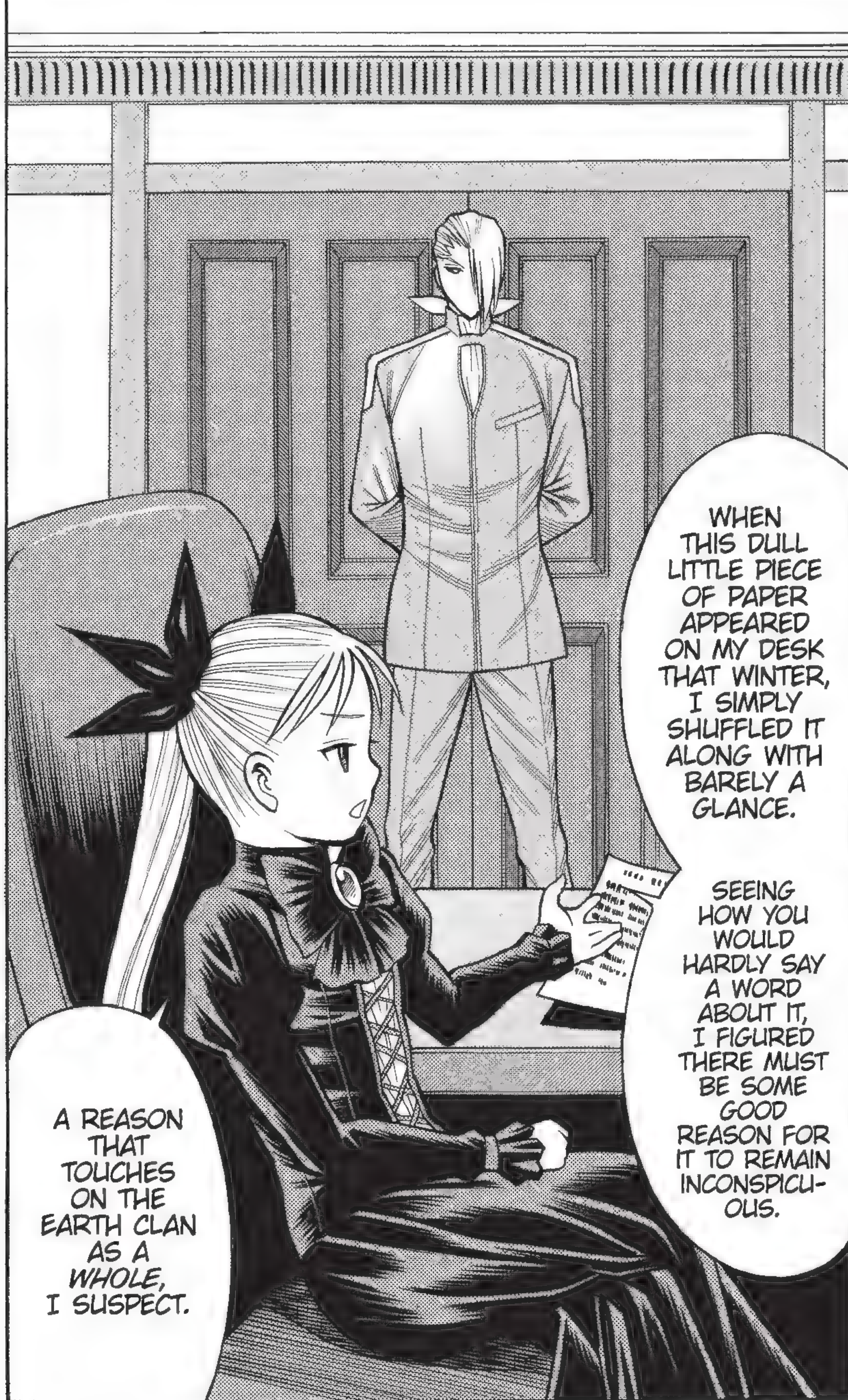
GOOD  
TO  
MEET  
YA!



HEH.  
THE GRUMP  
OVER  
THERE IS  
MY  
PARTNER,  
GRAHAM  
LINDGREN.

I'M SANIN.  
SANIN  
HUMORESQUE!

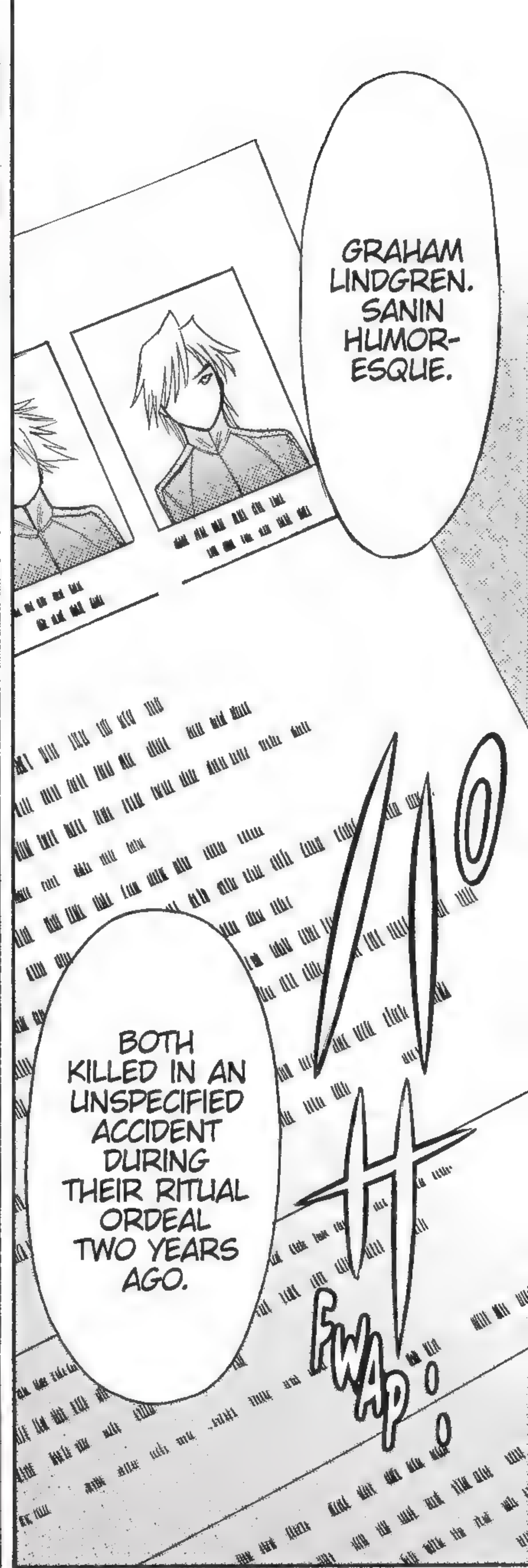




A REASON  
THAT  
TOUCHES  
ON THE  
EARTH CLAN  
AS A  
WHOLE,  
I SUSPECT.

WHEN  
THIS DULL  
LITTLE PIECE  
OF PAPER  
APPEARED  
ON MY DESK  
THAT WINTER,  
I SIMPLY  
SHUFFLED IT  
ALONG WITH  
BARELY A  
GLANCE.

SEEING  
HOW YOU  
WOULD  
HARDLY SAY  
A WORD  
ABOUT IT,  
I FIGURED  
THERE MUST  
BE SOME  
GOOD  
REASON FOR  
IT TO REMAIN  
INCONSPICU-  
OUS.



GRAHAM  
LINDGREN.  
SANIN  
HUMOR-  
ESQUE.

BOTH  
KILLED IN AN  
UNSPECIFIED  
ACCIDENT  
DURING  
THEIR RITUAL  
ORDEAL  
TWO YEARS  
AGO.



WOLFGANG,  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO AKIRA  
THAT  
WINTER?

AND IF  
THAT IS  
THE CASE,  
I CANNOT  
CONTINUE  
TO  
OVERLOOK  
IT NOW.

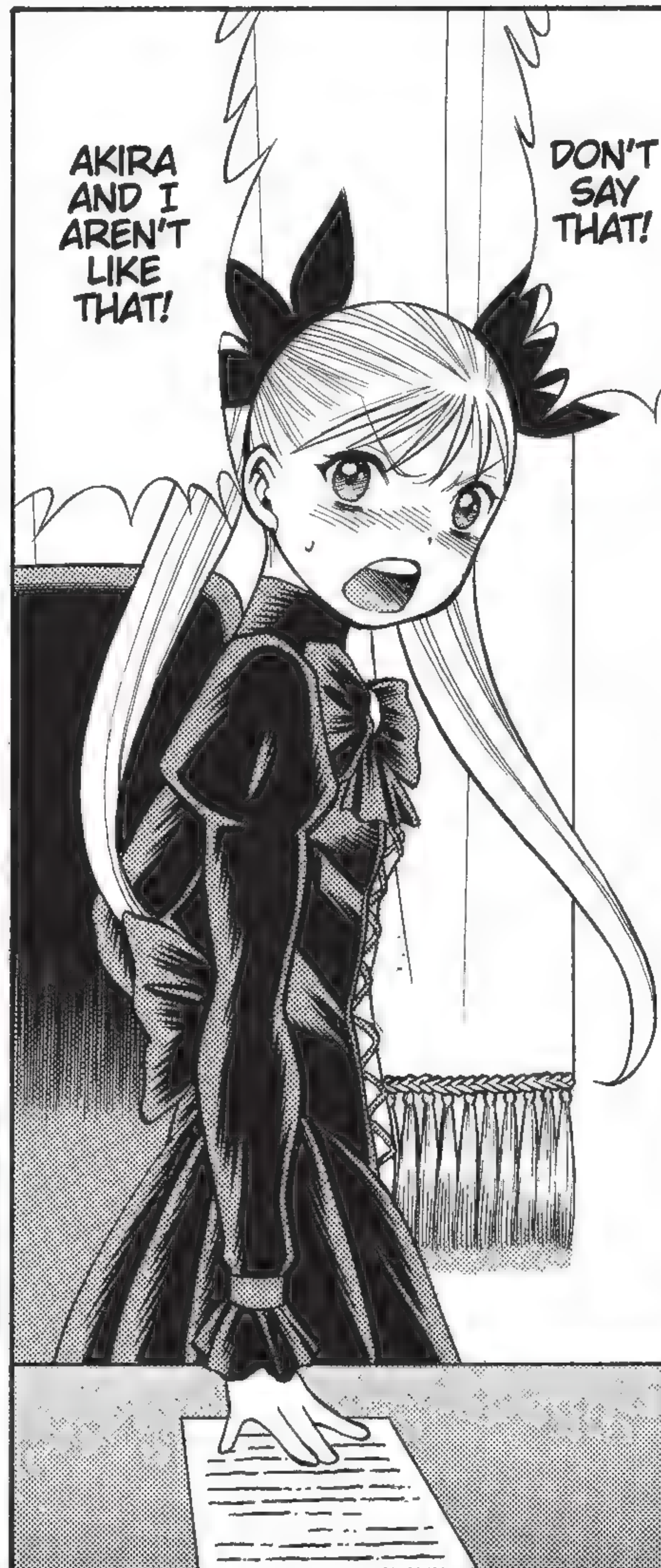
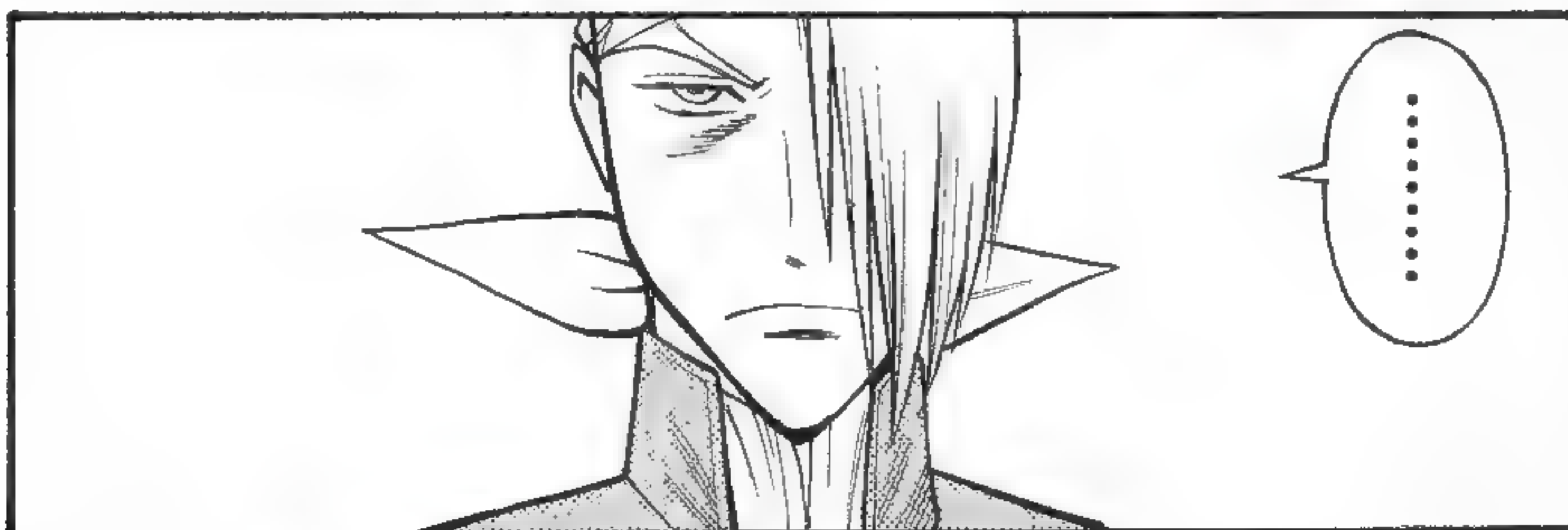
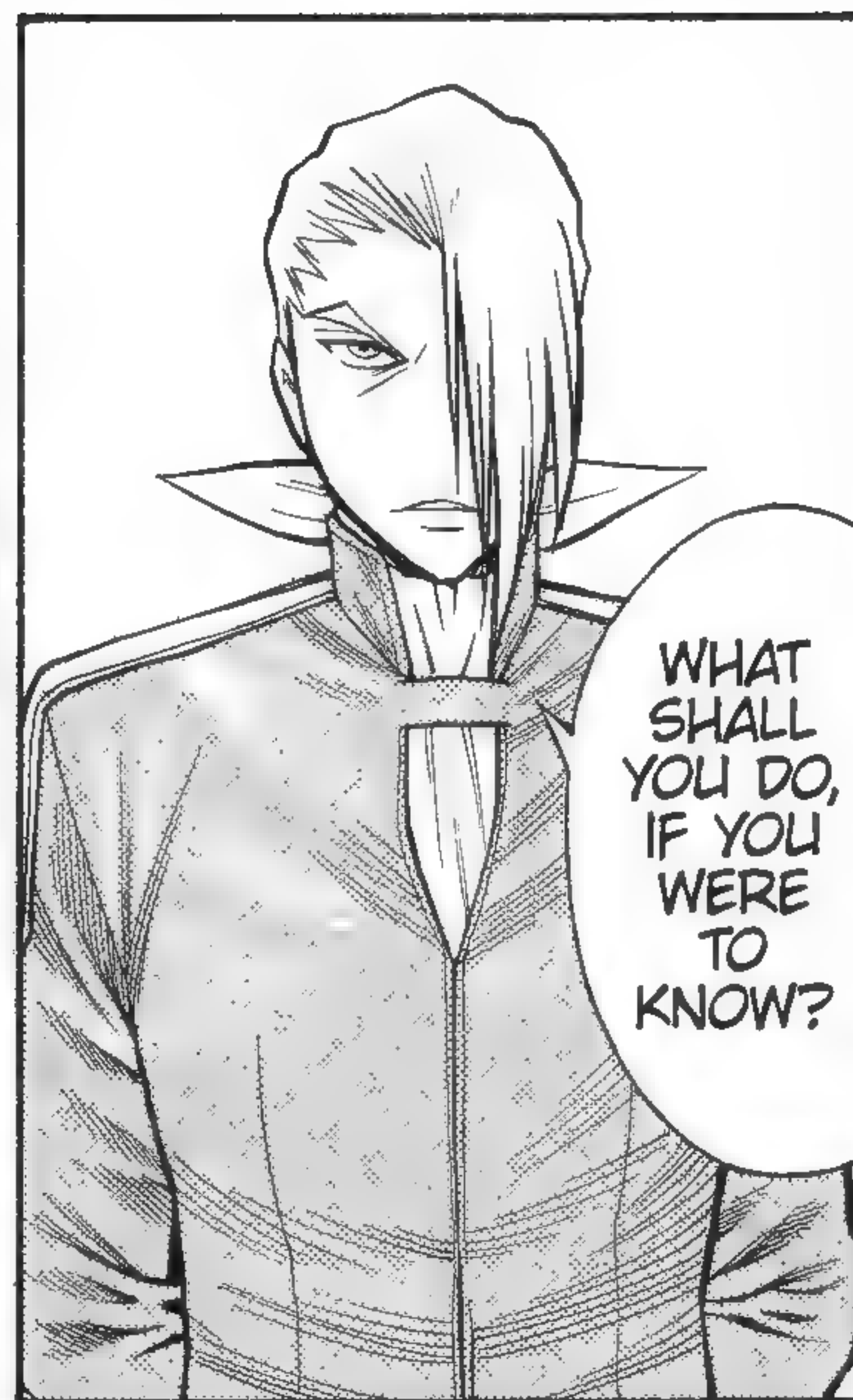
I NEED  
TO  
KNOW.



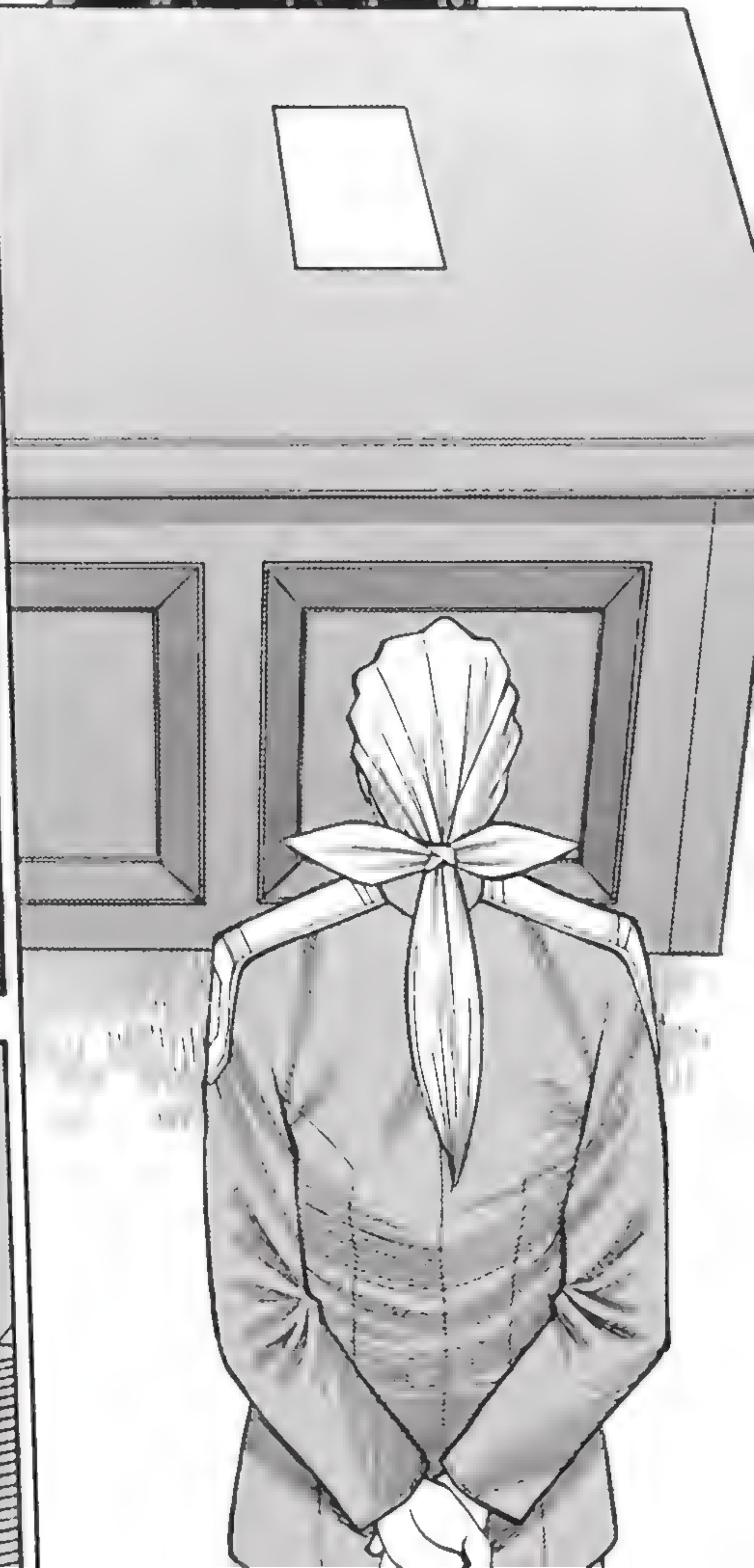
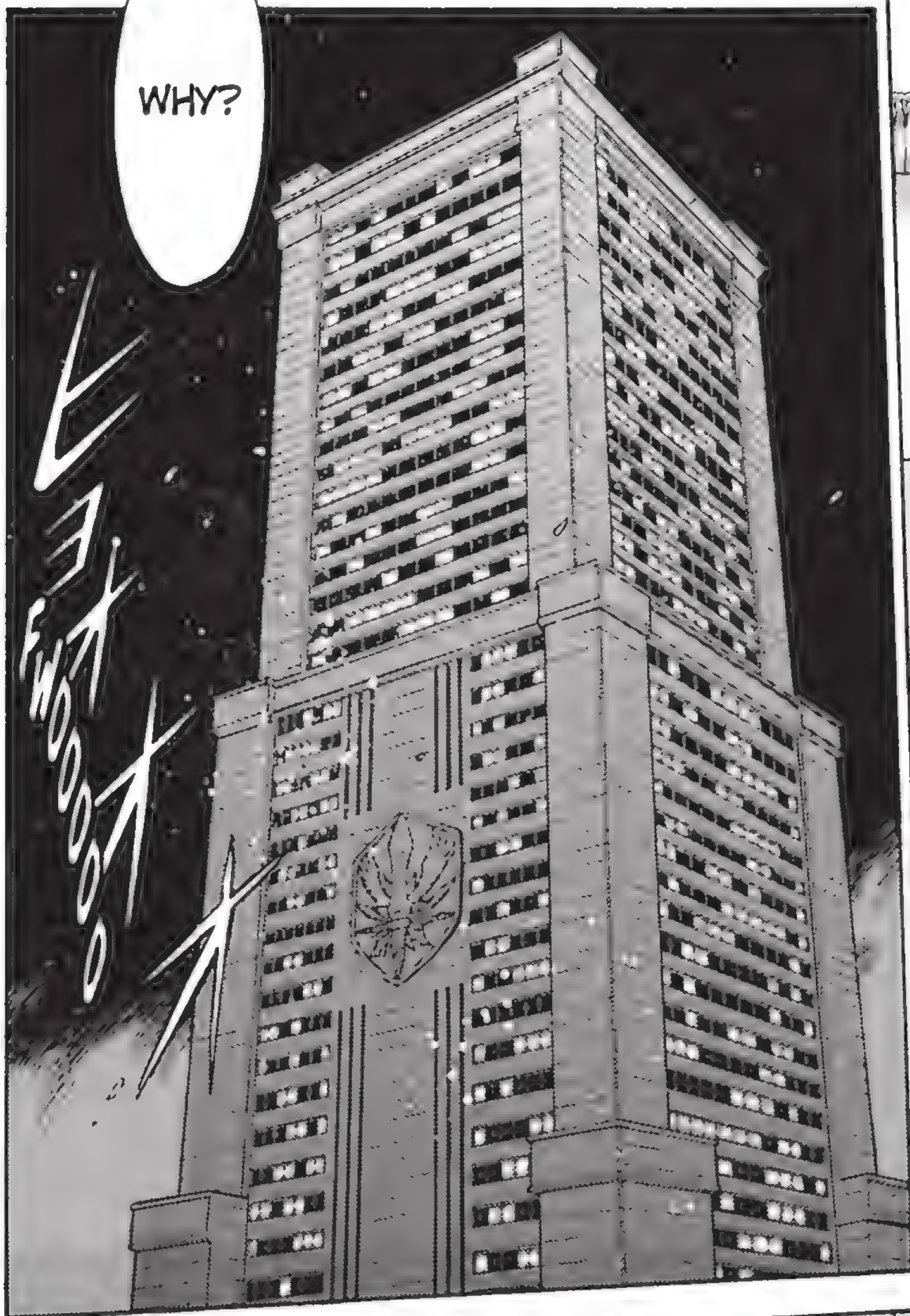
YOU  
SEE,  
AKIRA  
TOLD ME  
SOME-  
THING  
THE  
OTHER  
DAY.

HE SAID  
THAT  
WHOEVER IS  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR OUR  
CURRENT  
PREDICAMENT  
ALSO HAS  
INTIMATE  
KNOWLEDGE  
OF HIS  
RITUAL  
ORDEAL.





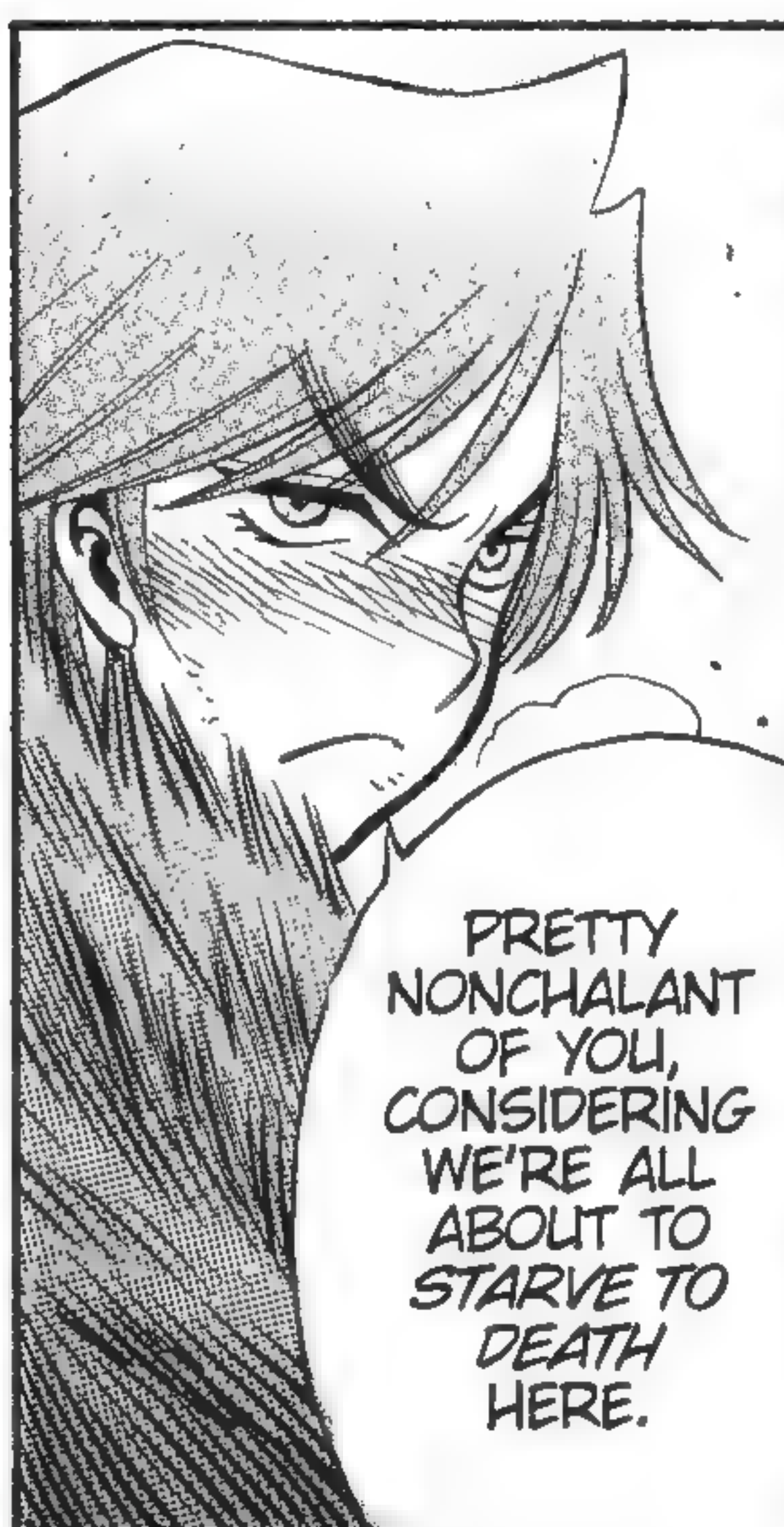




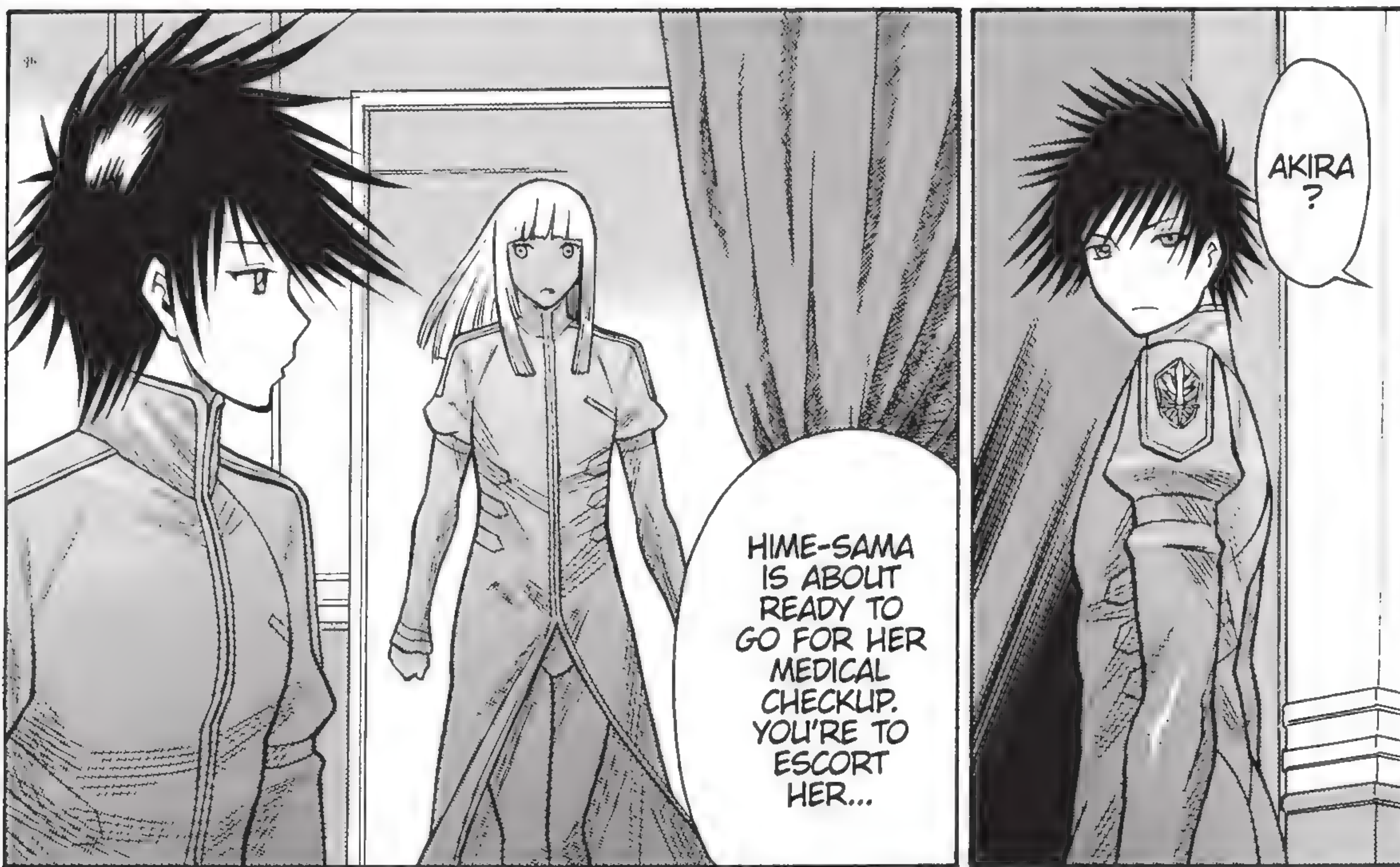




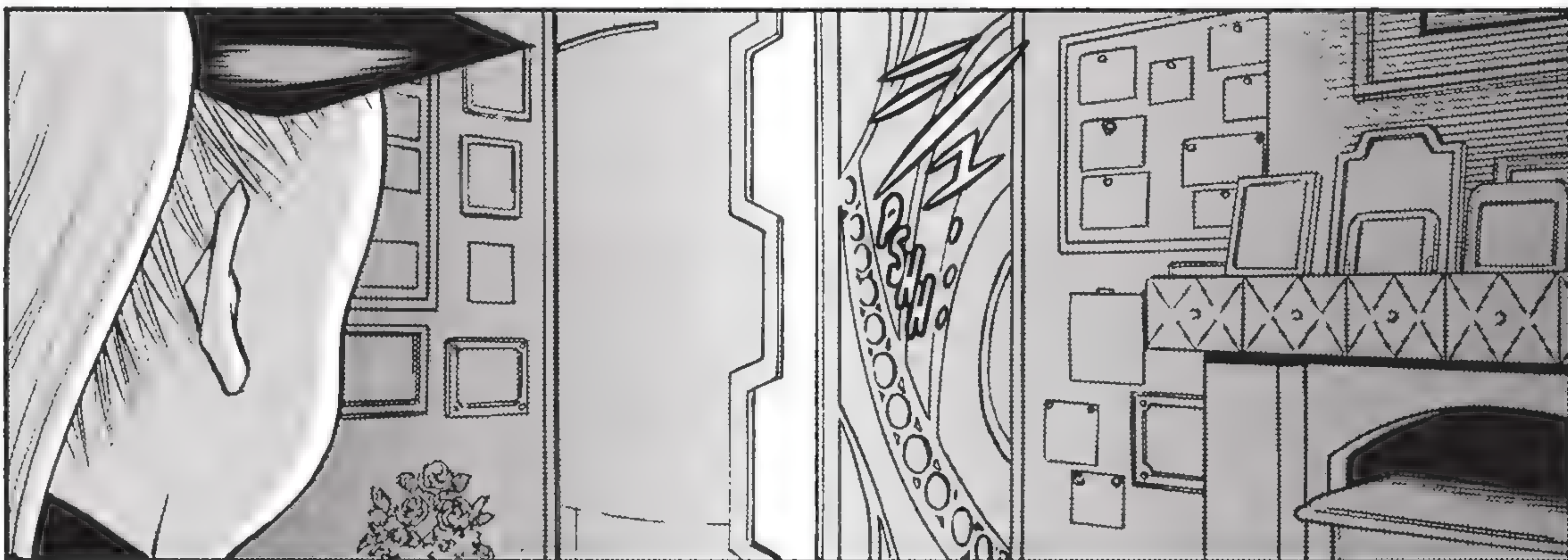
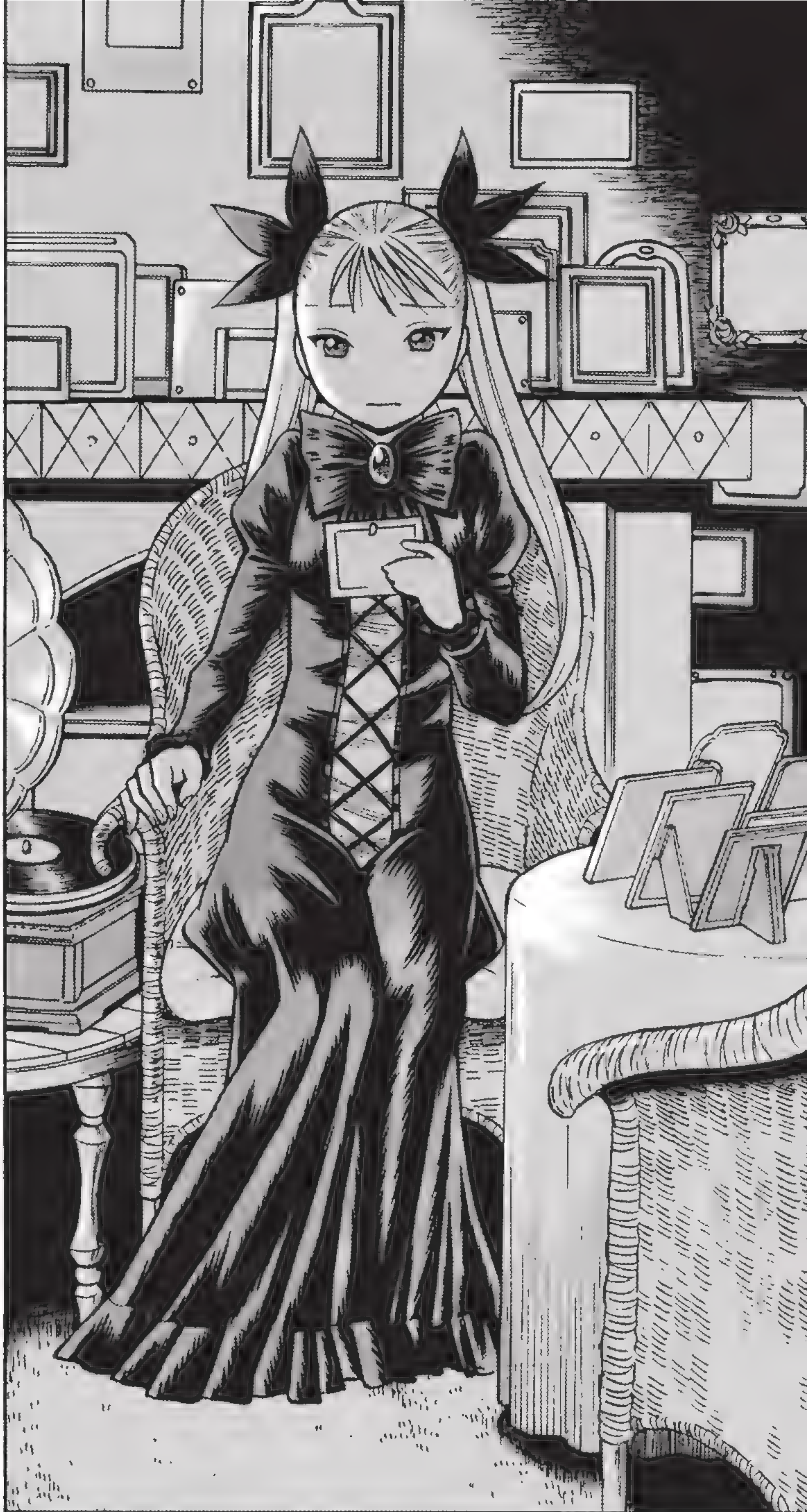




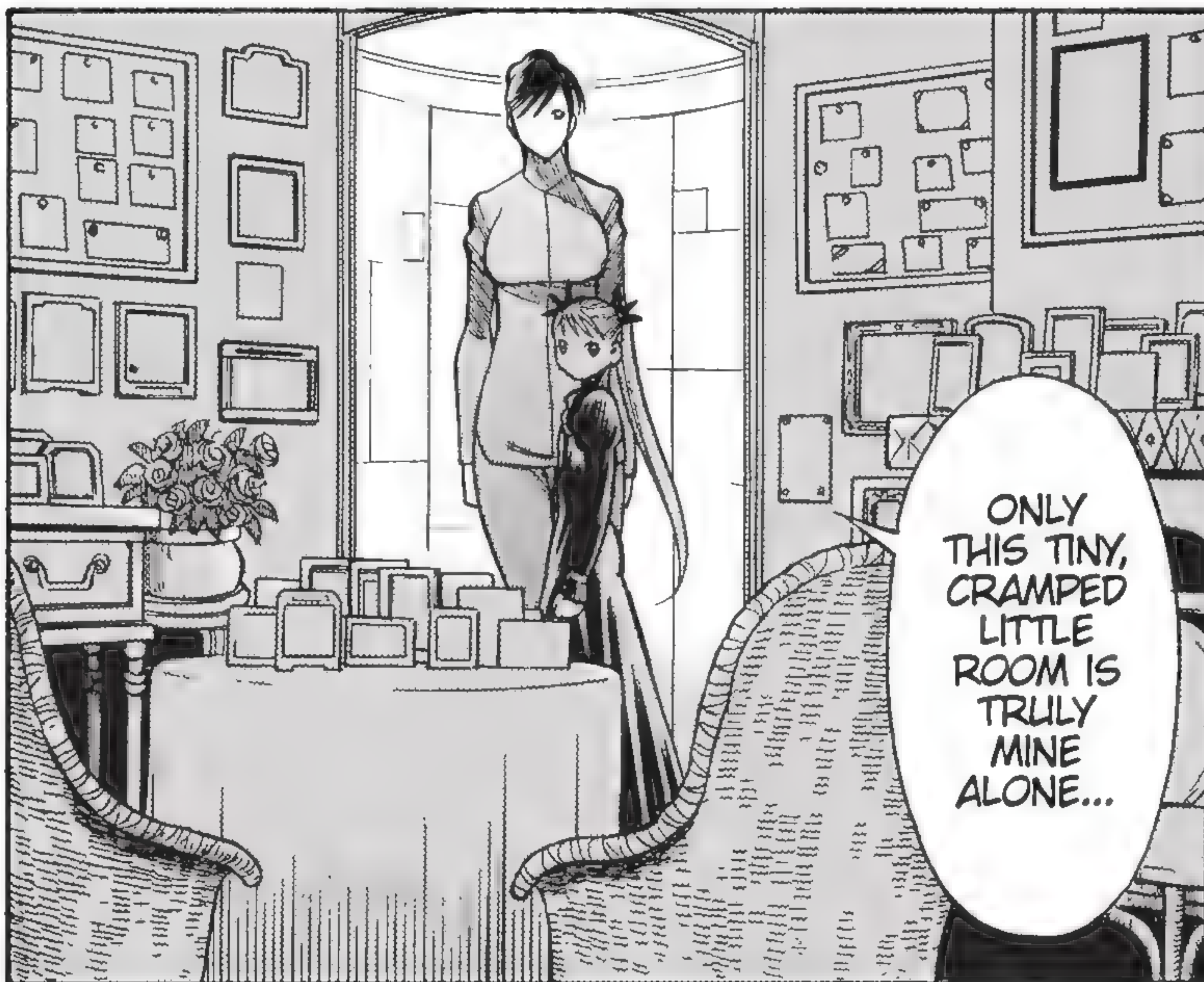
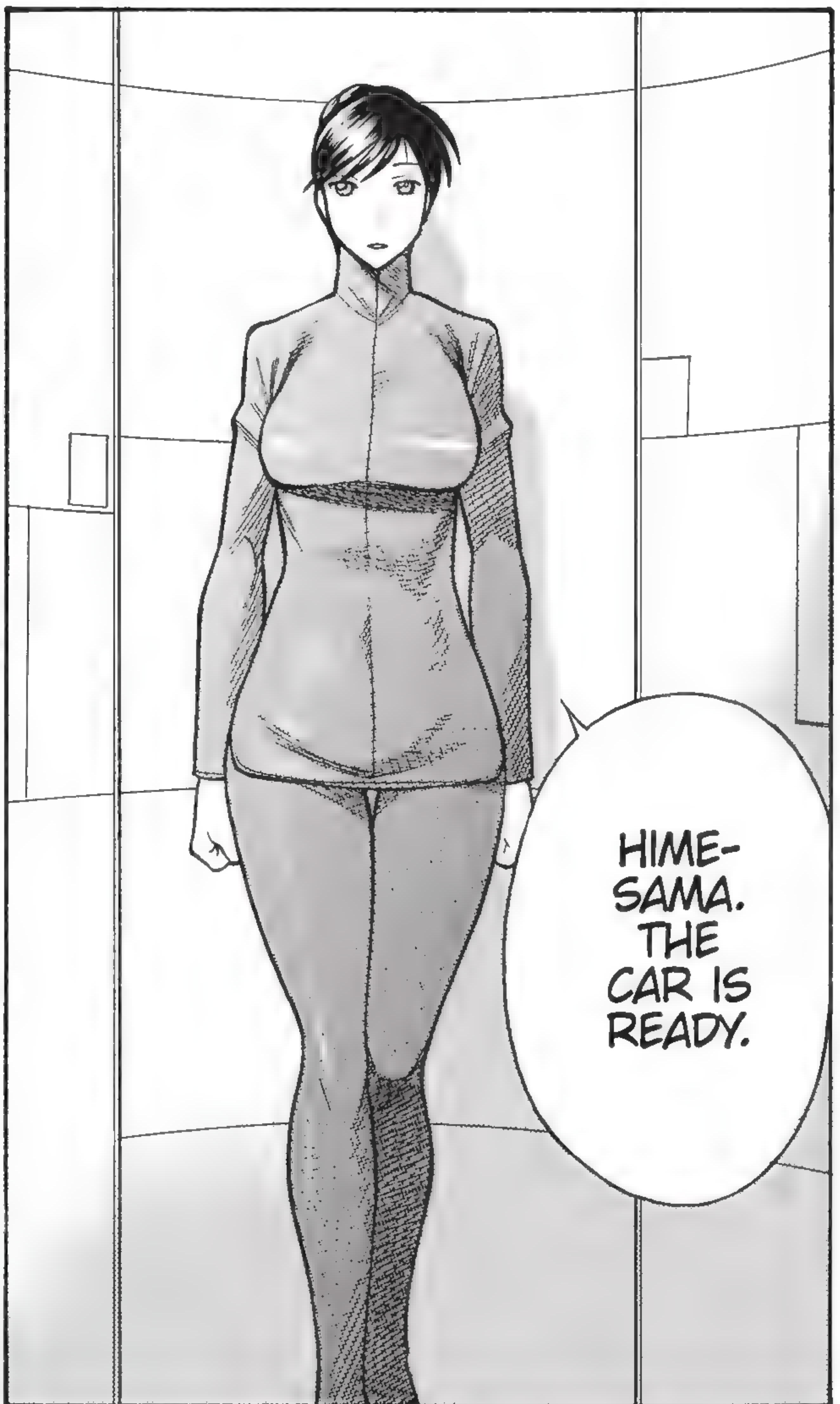




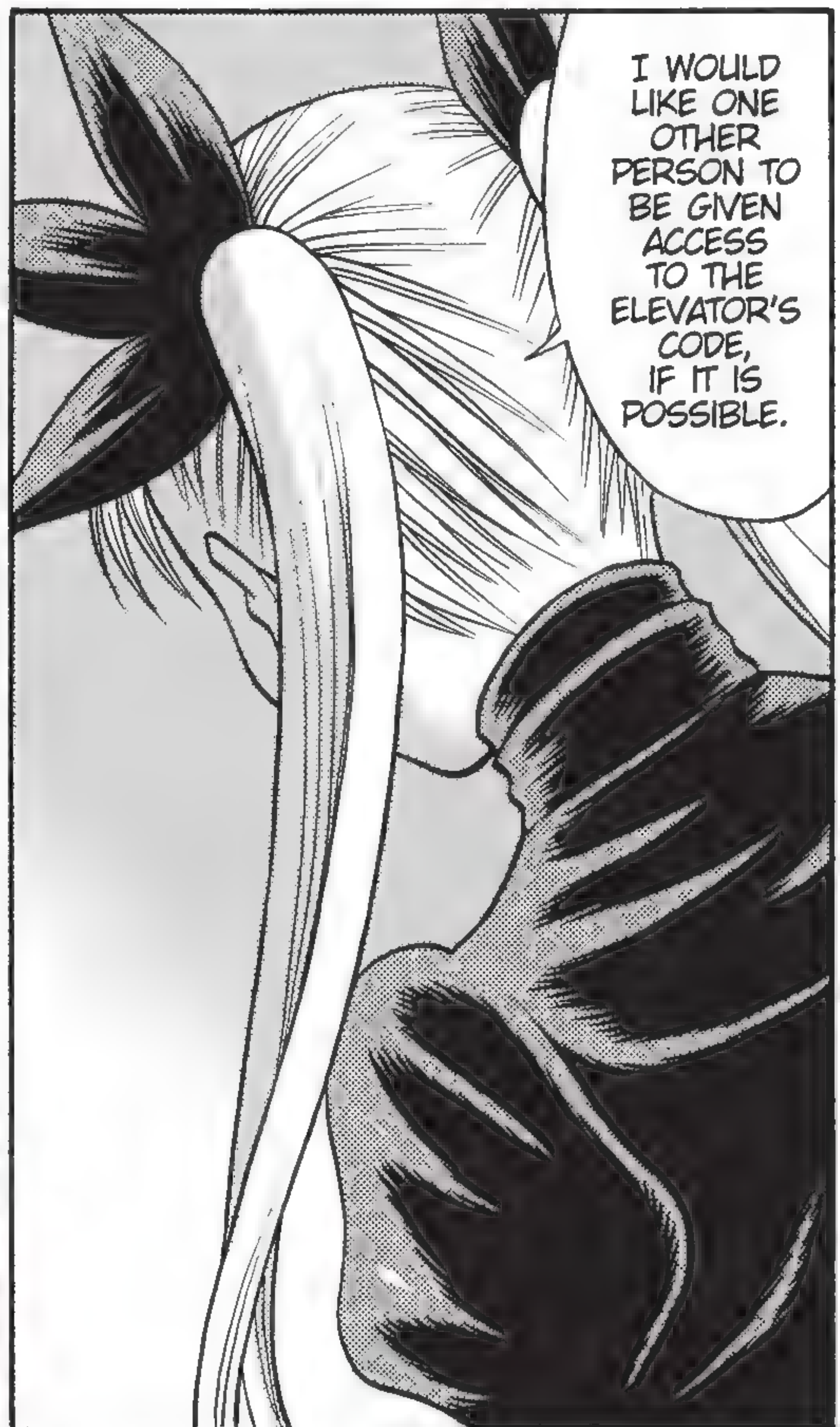
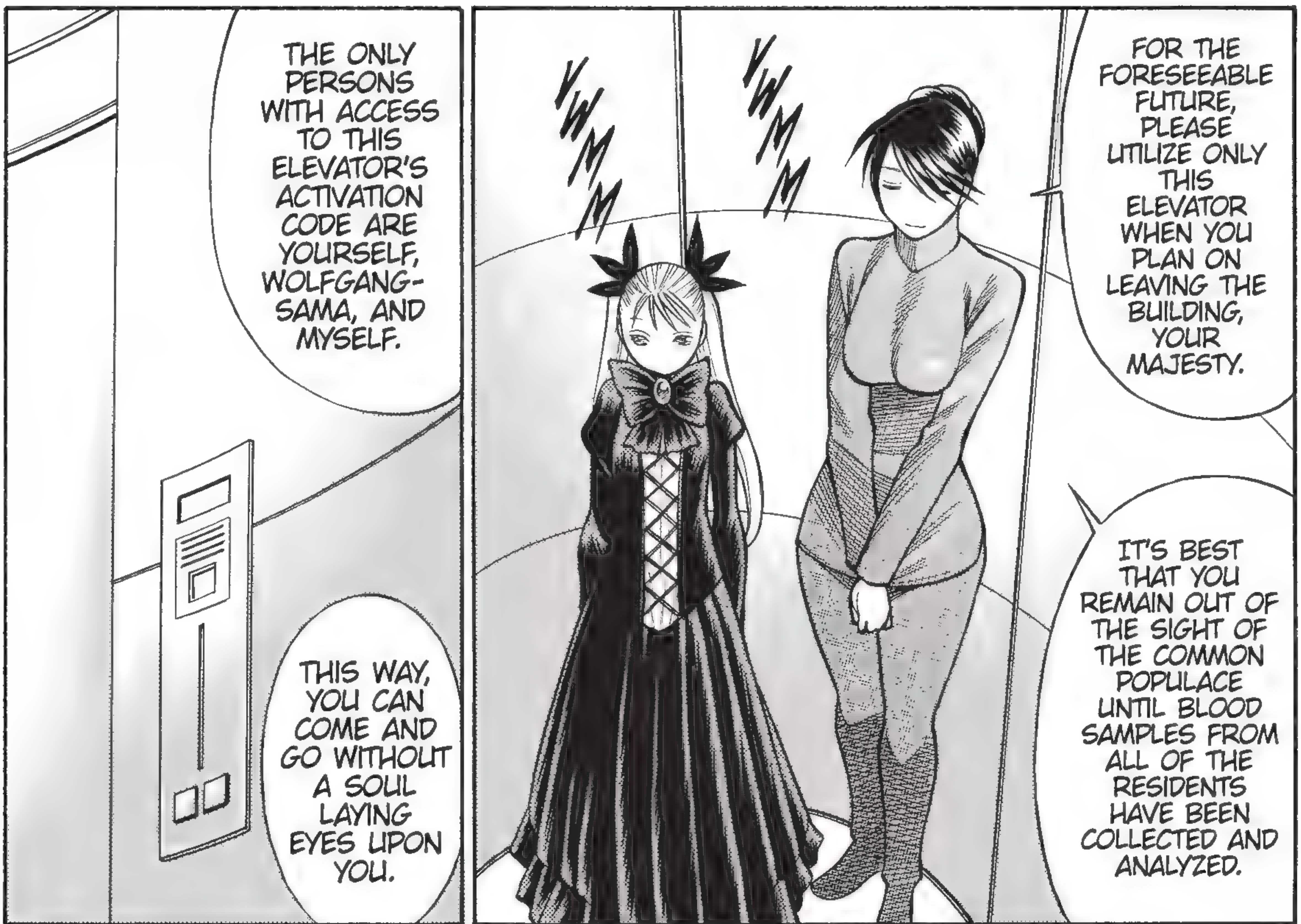












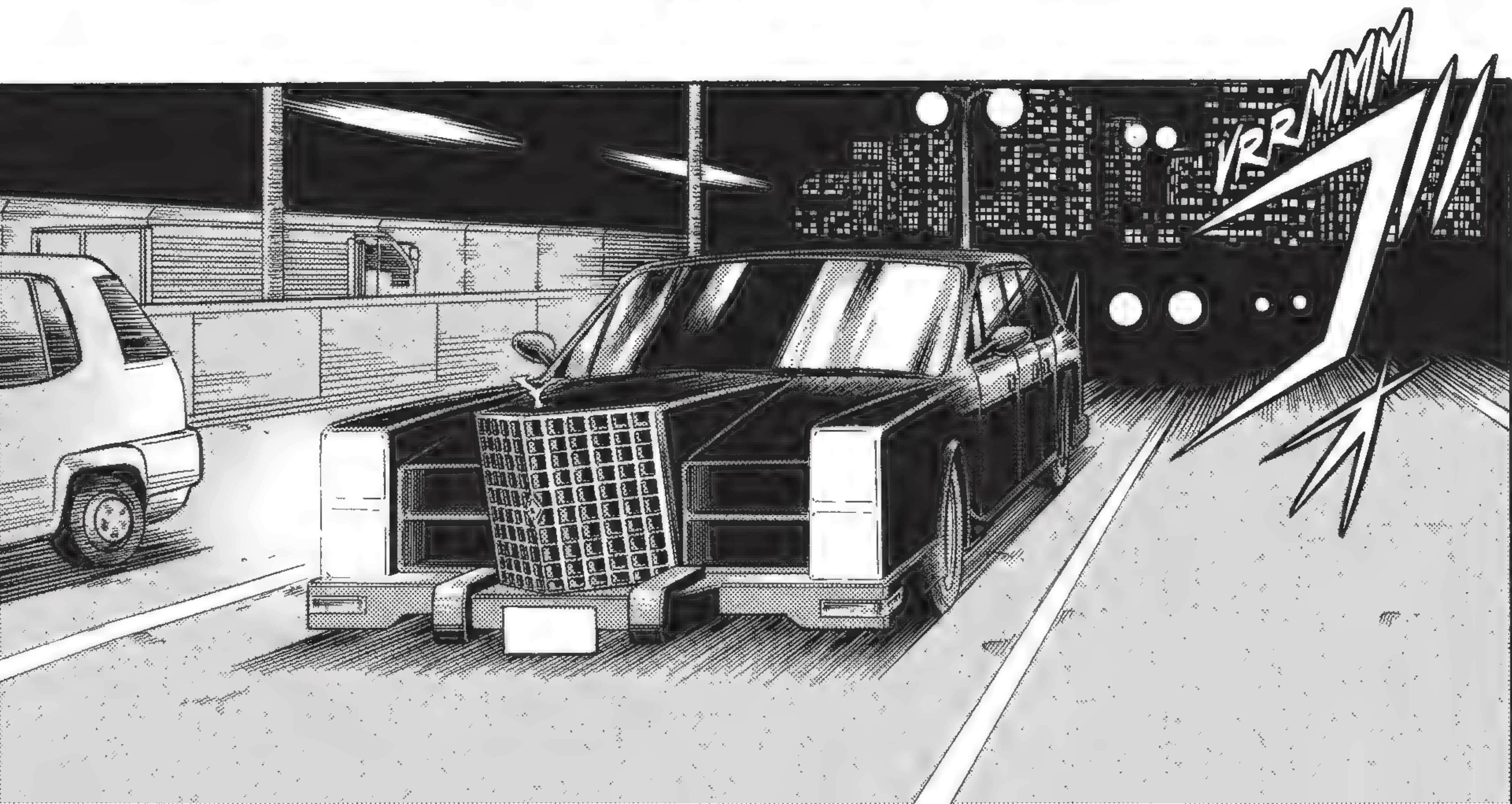
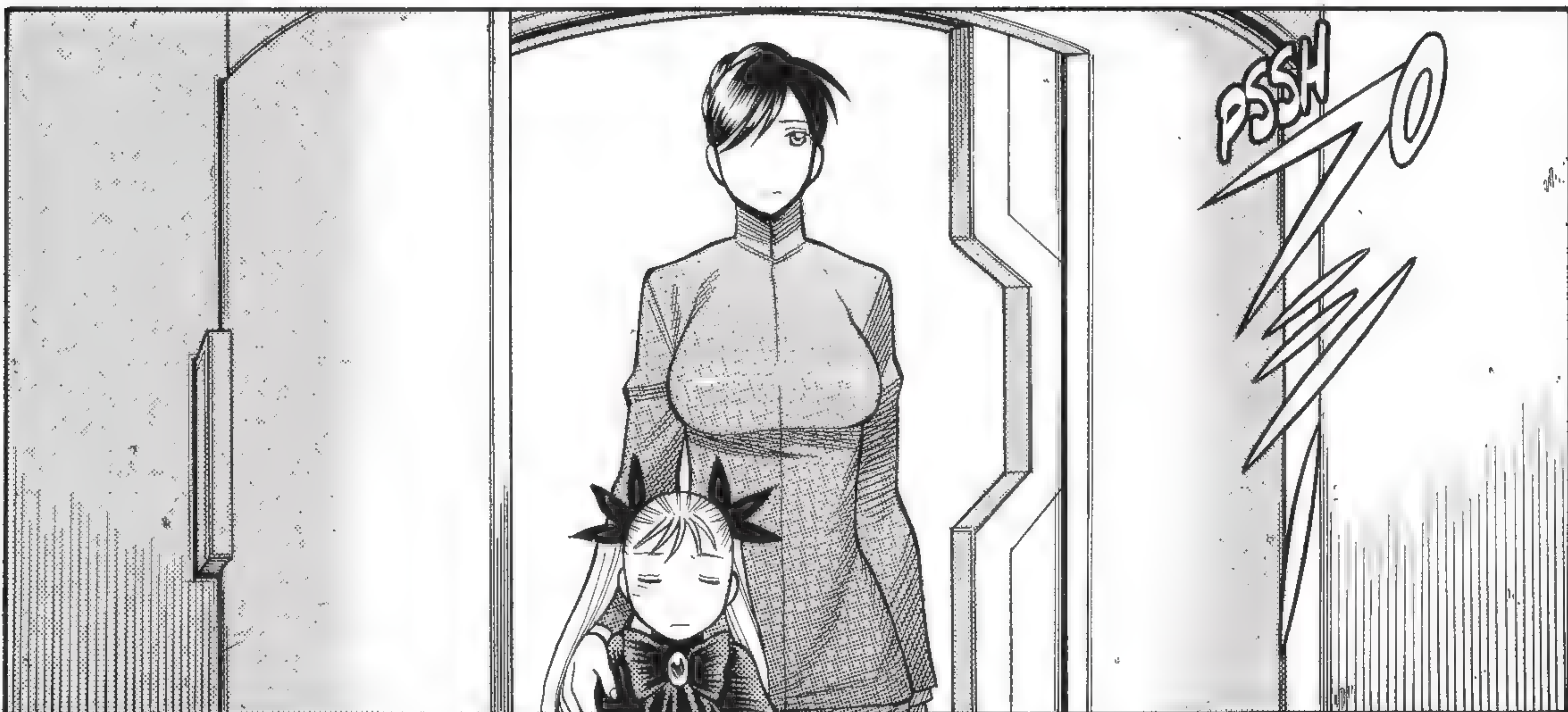




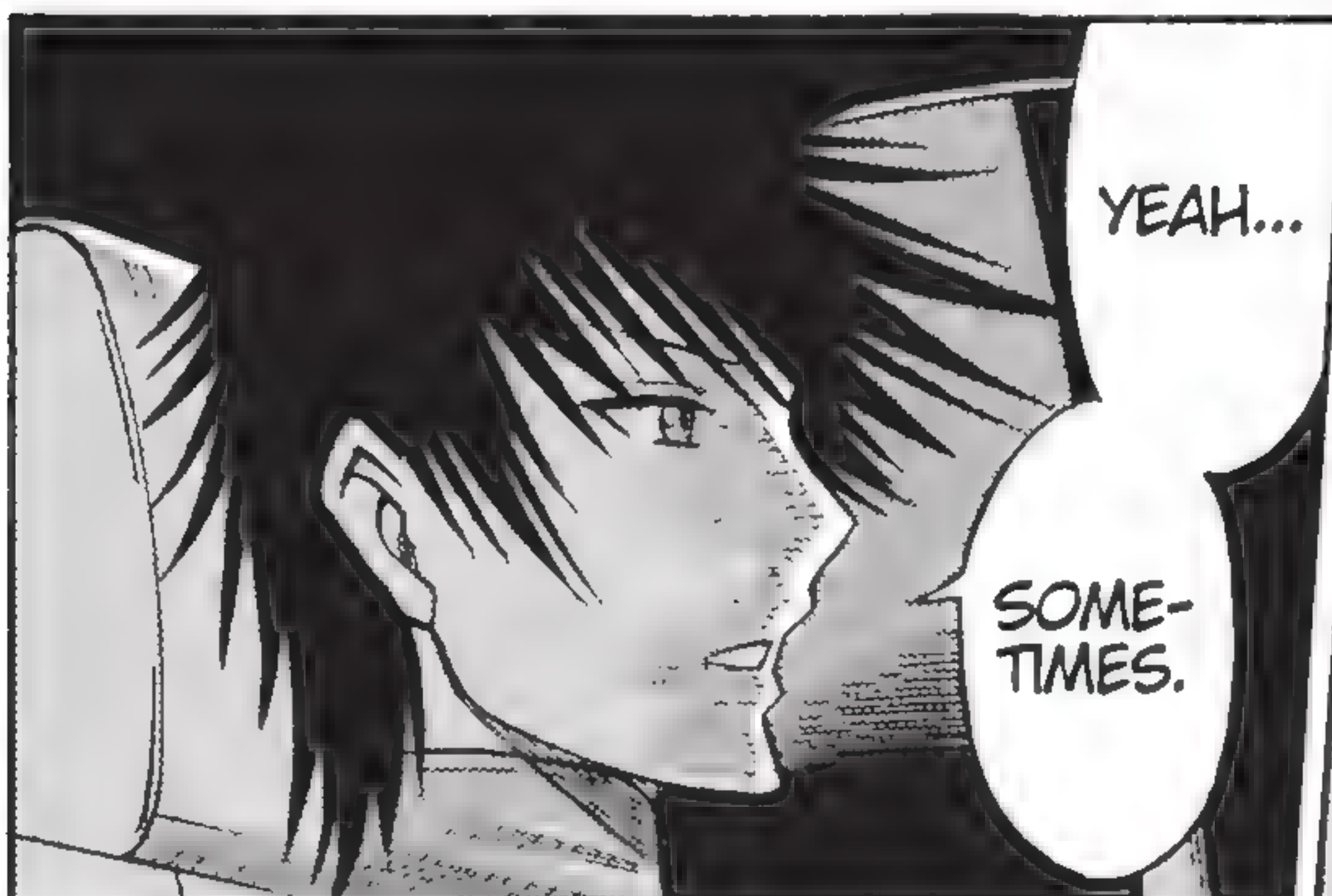
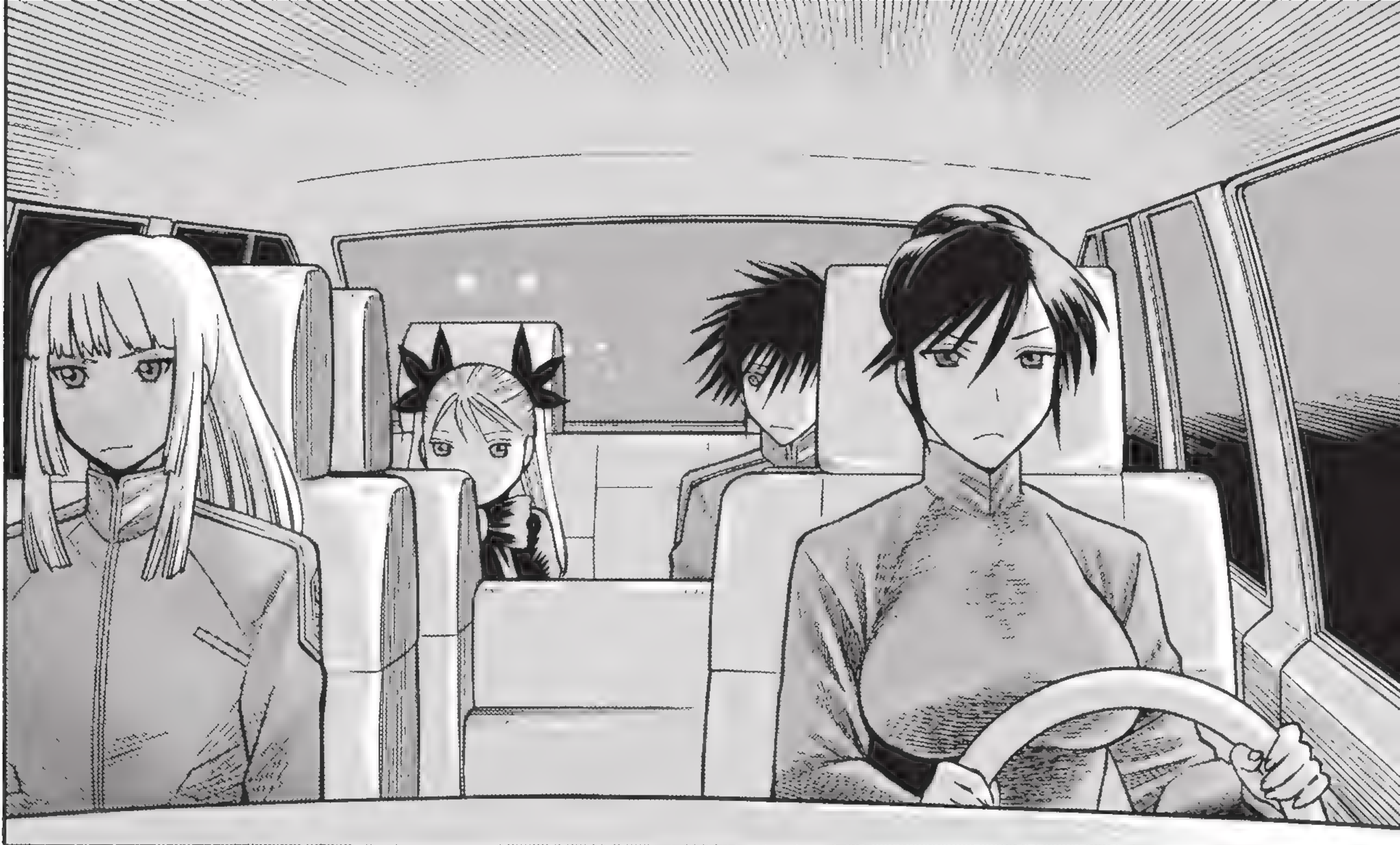
I  
WOULD  
NEVER DO  
SUCH A  
THING...



OF  
COURSE  
NOT,  
YOUR  
MAJESTY.



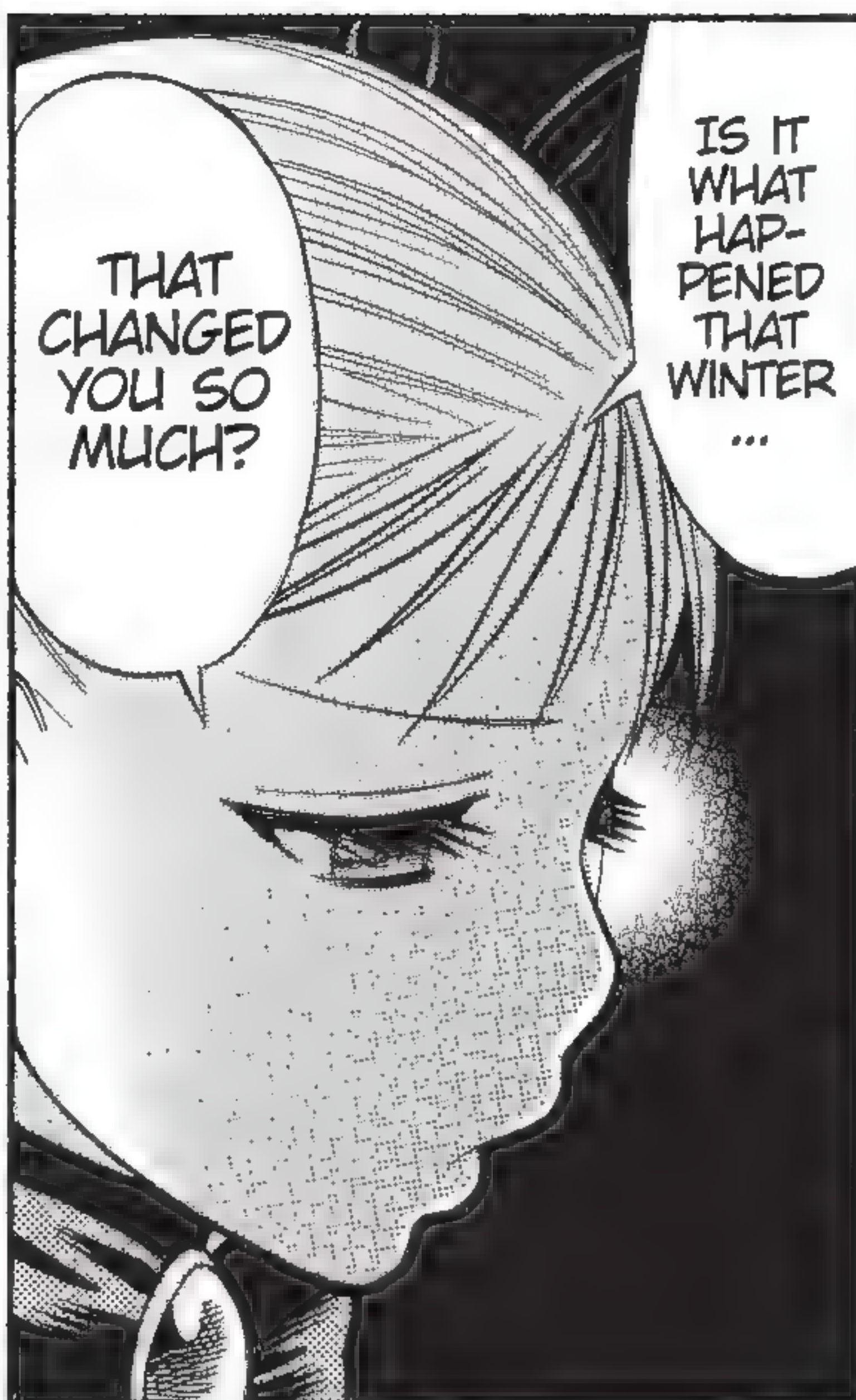








YOUR  
MAJ-  
ESTY!



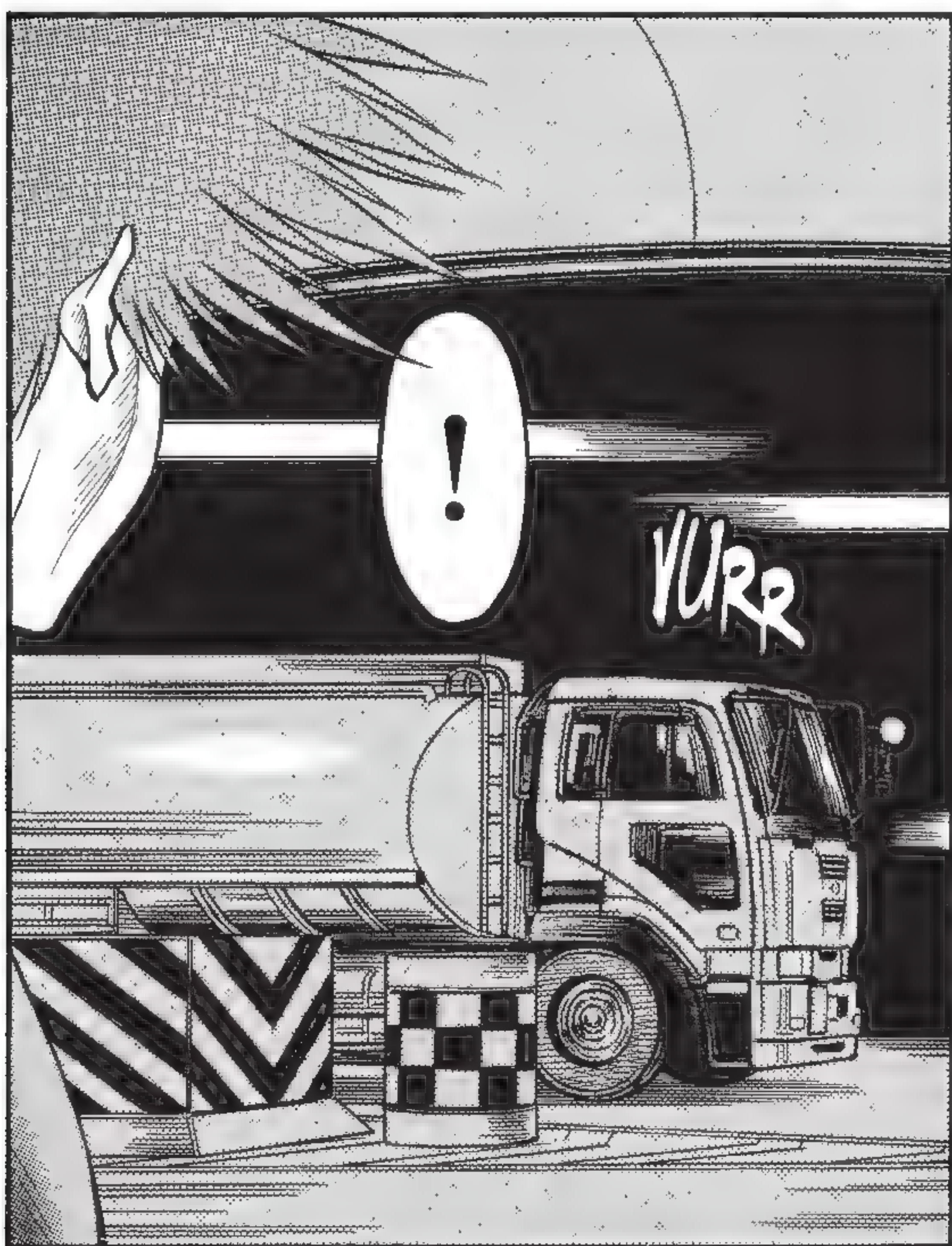
IS IT  
WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED  
THAT  
WINTER  
...



SHE  
SAID TWO  
YEARS  
AGO, YOU  
STOPPED  
SMILING  
LIKE YOU  
USED TO.



AKIRA...



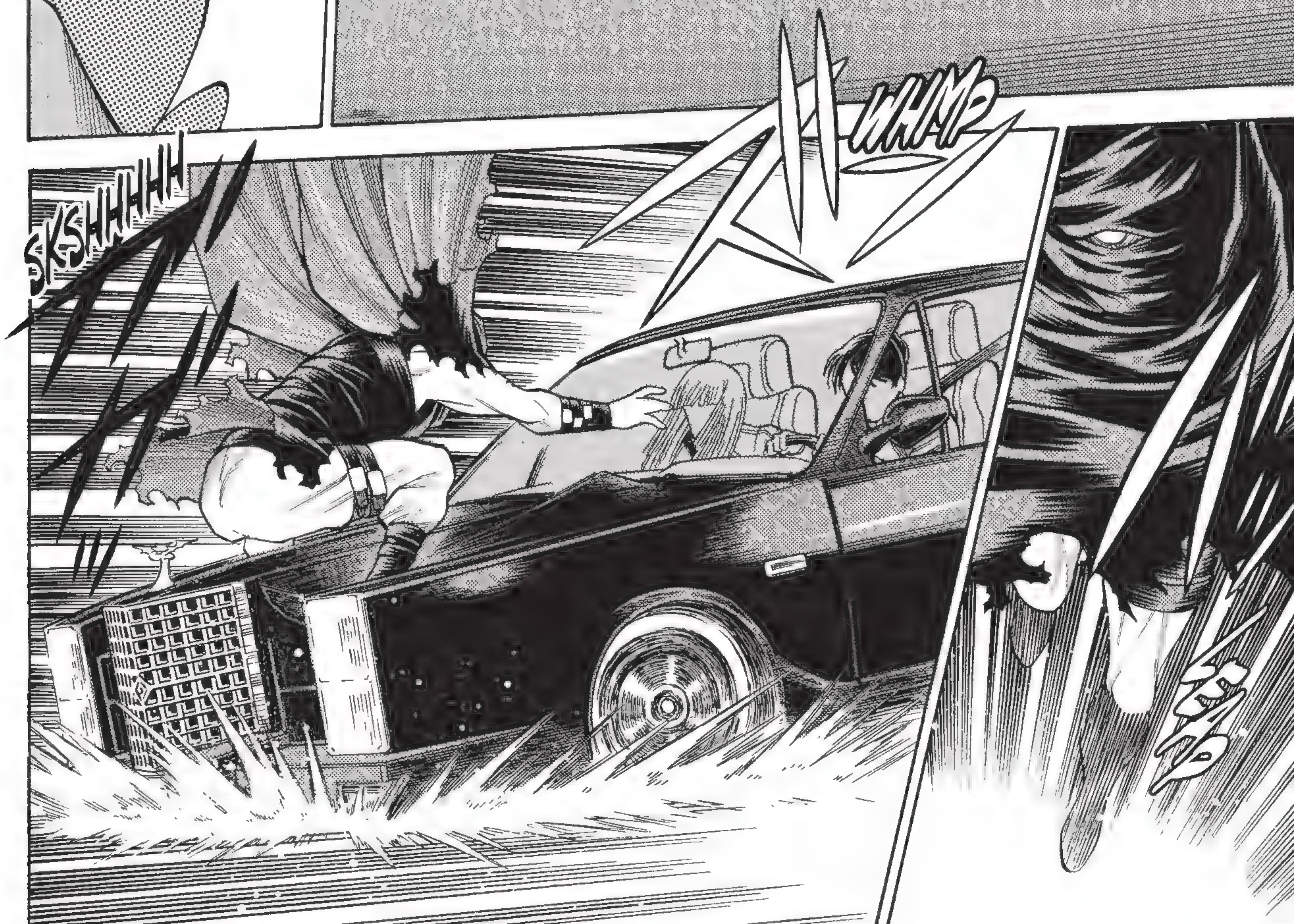
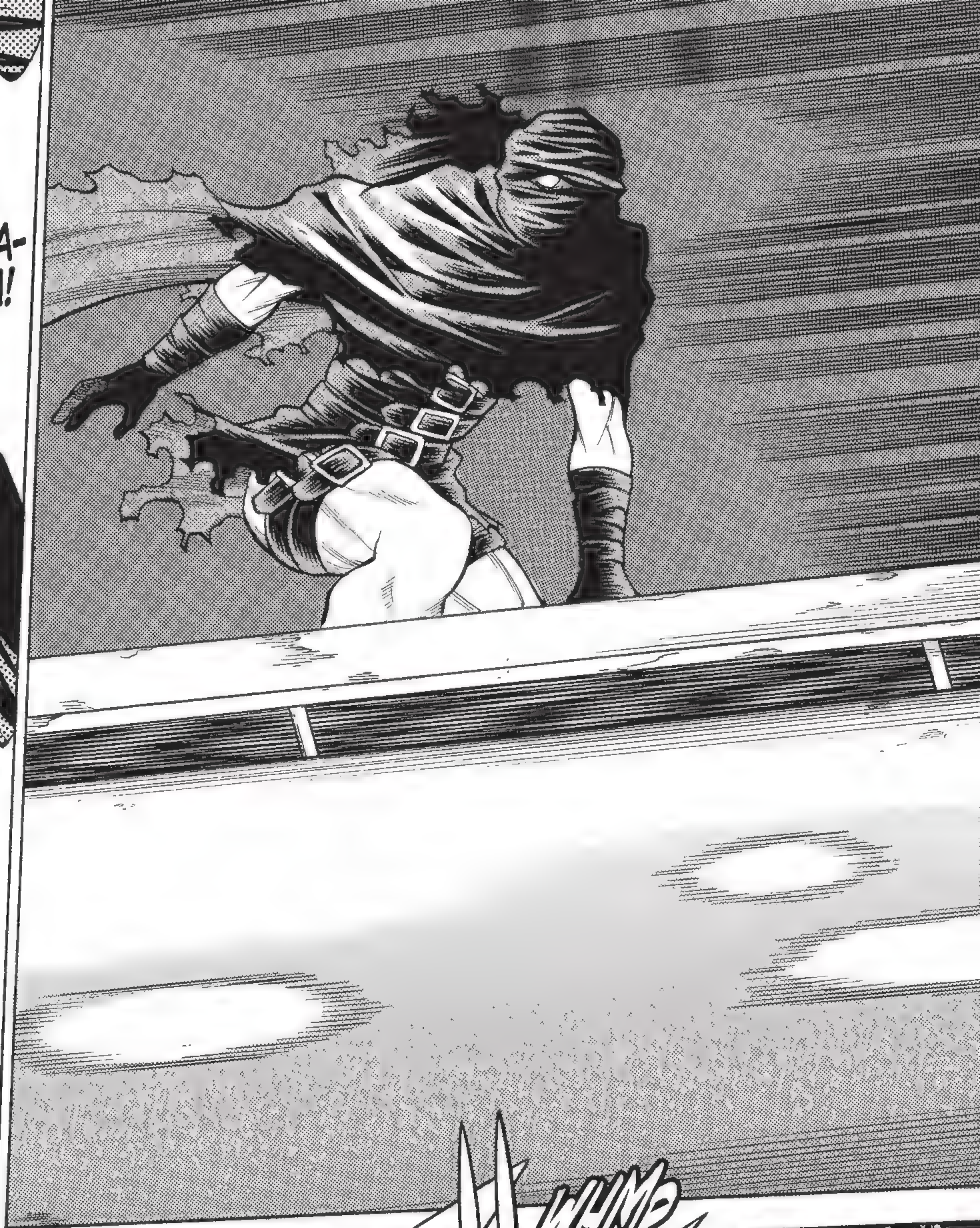
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VERA-SAN!

HIT THE BRAKES !!



SKSHHHH

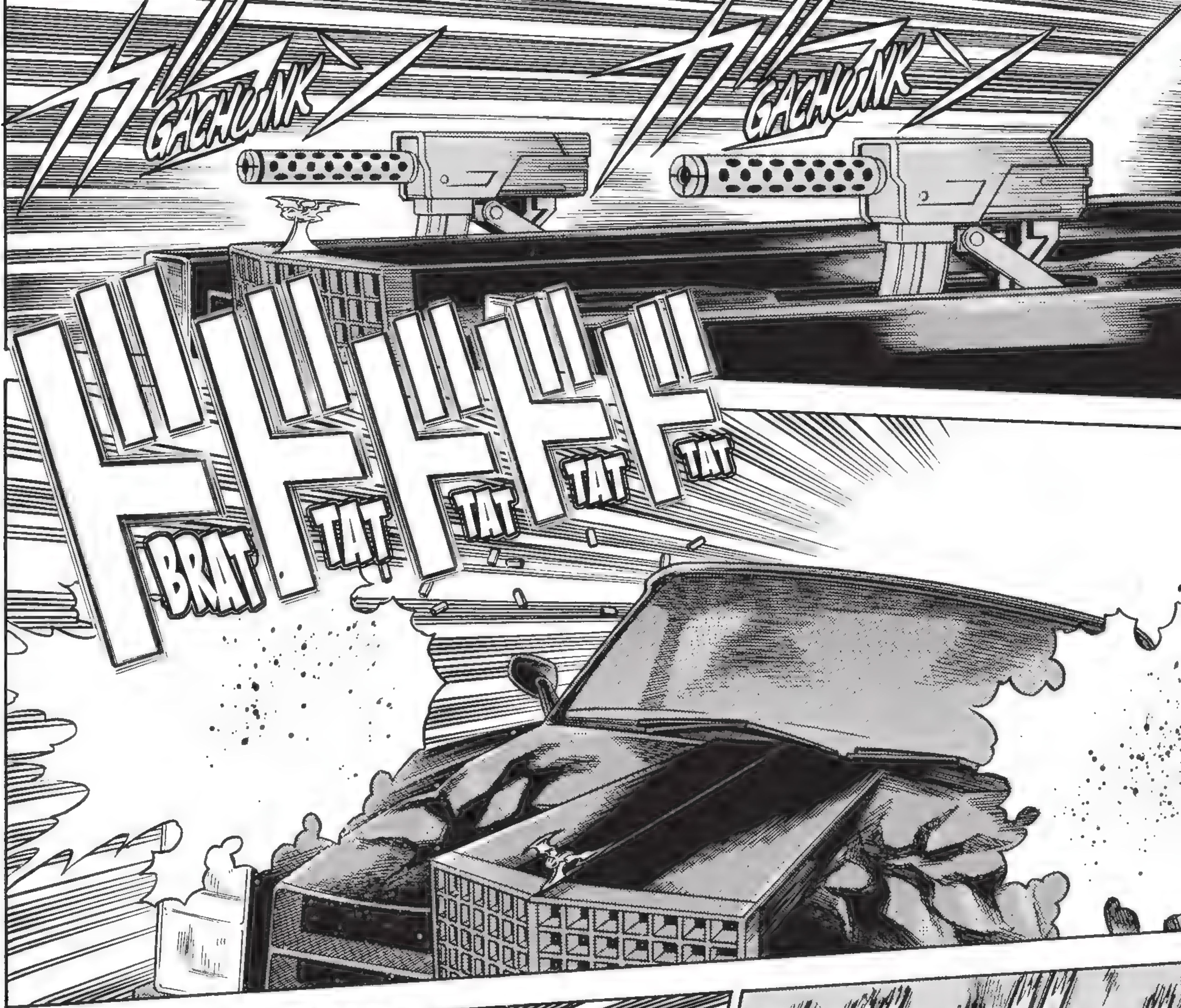
WHMP

SKSHHHH

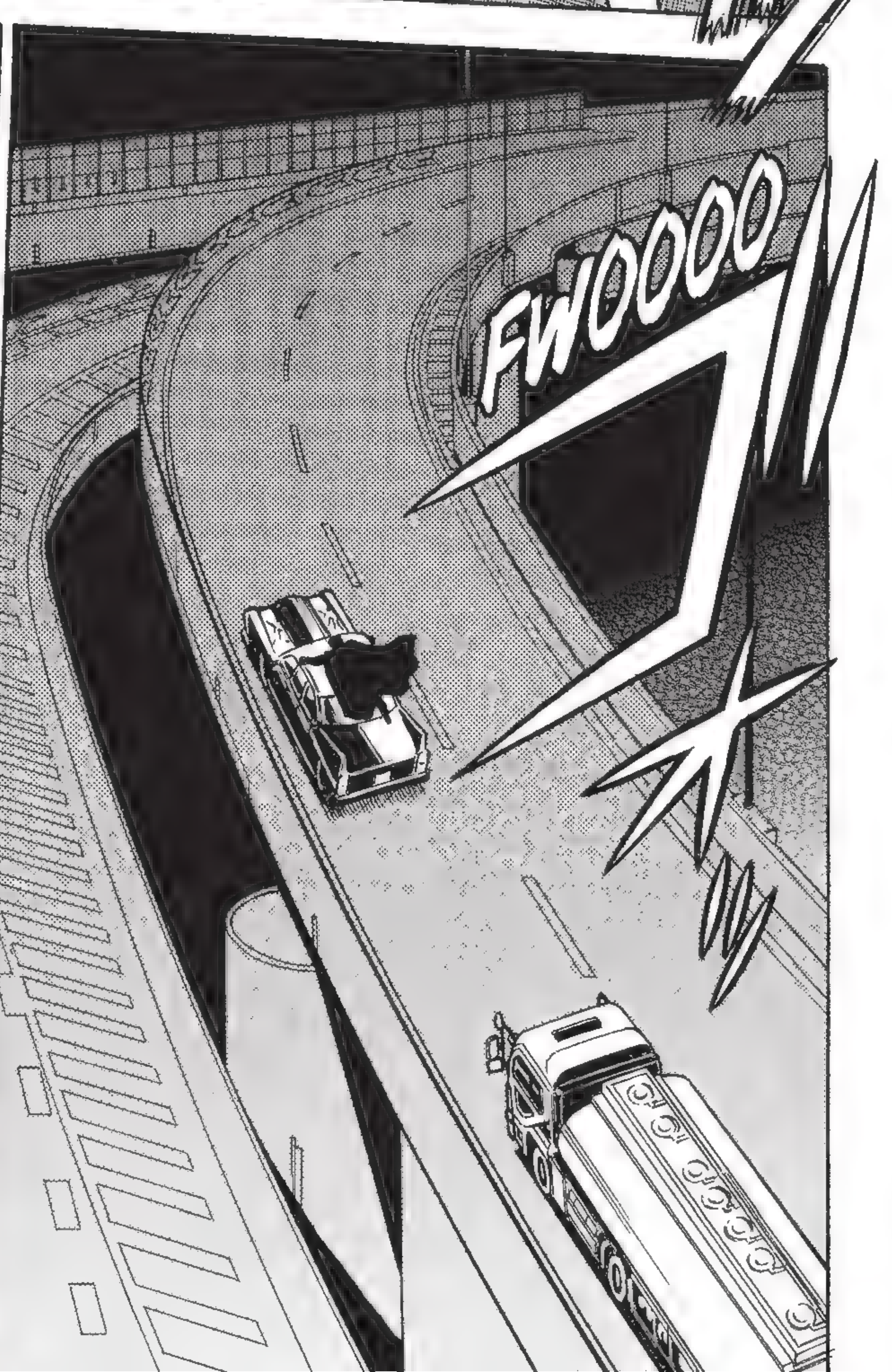
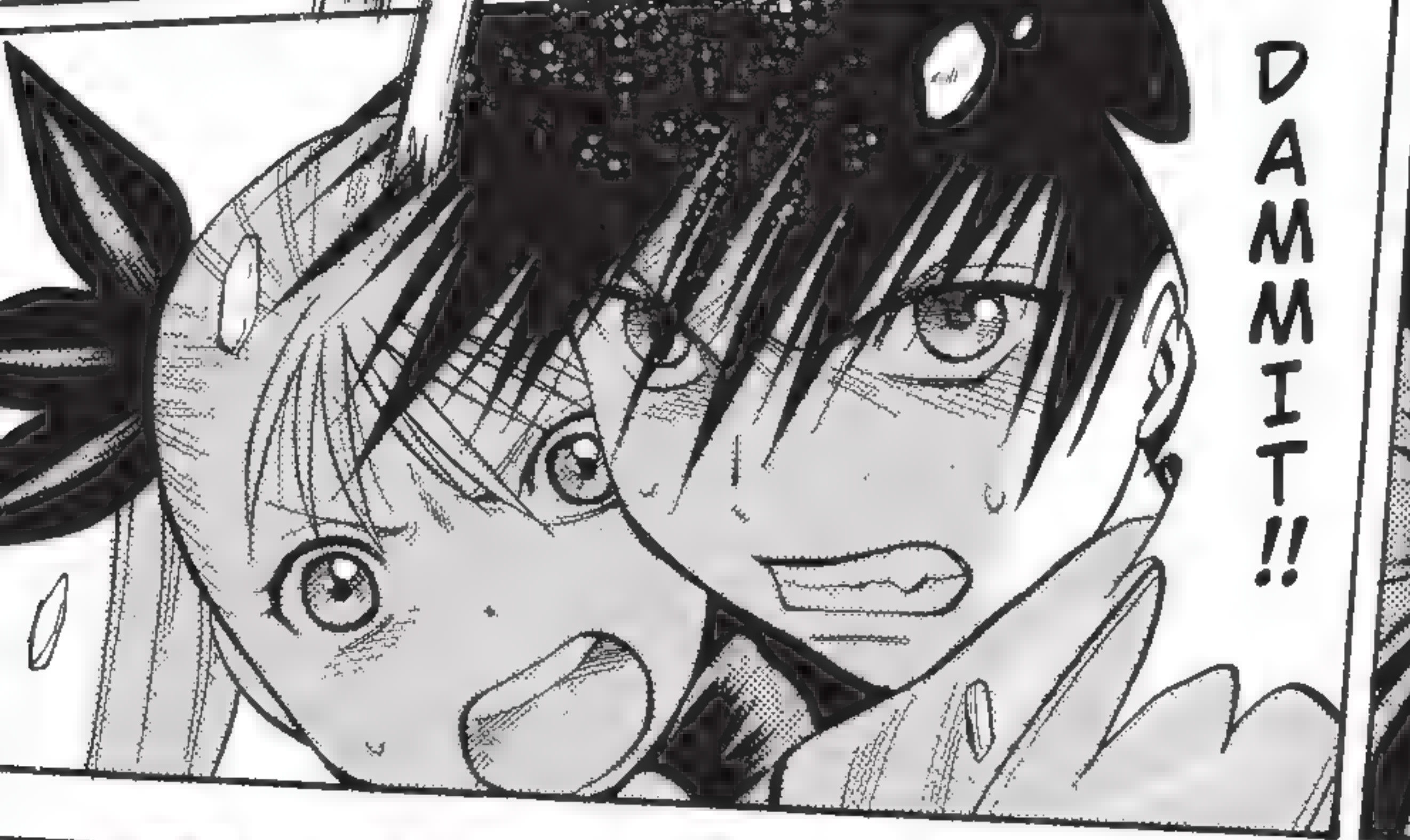
















GRAB



THIS  
TIME...



AKIRA!!

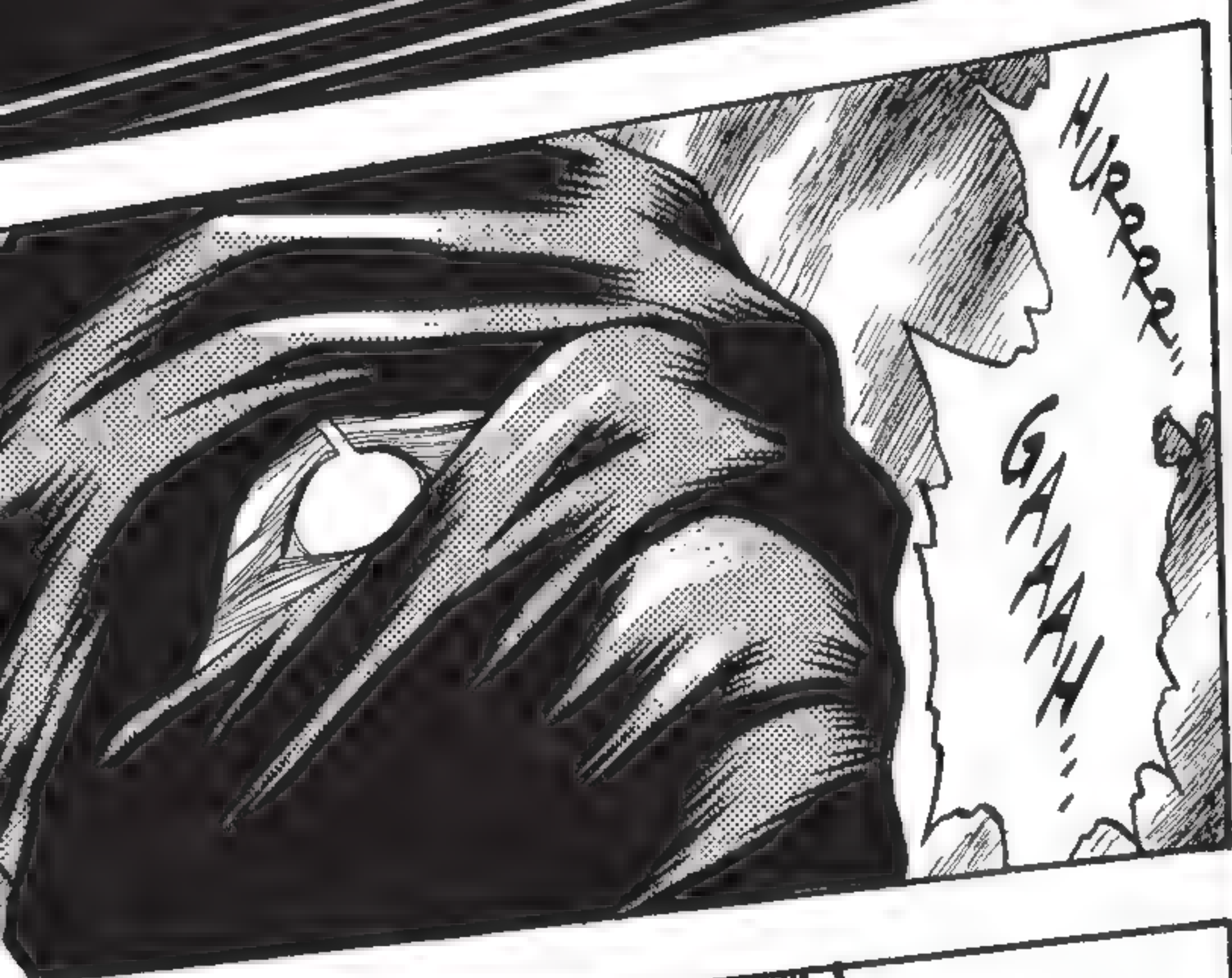
HIME-  
SAMA,  
TO THE  
FRONT!



ANGIE!

TAKE  
CARE  
OF  
HIME-  
SAN  
FOR  
ME!





HURRRR...

GA A A H



GR A A A A H



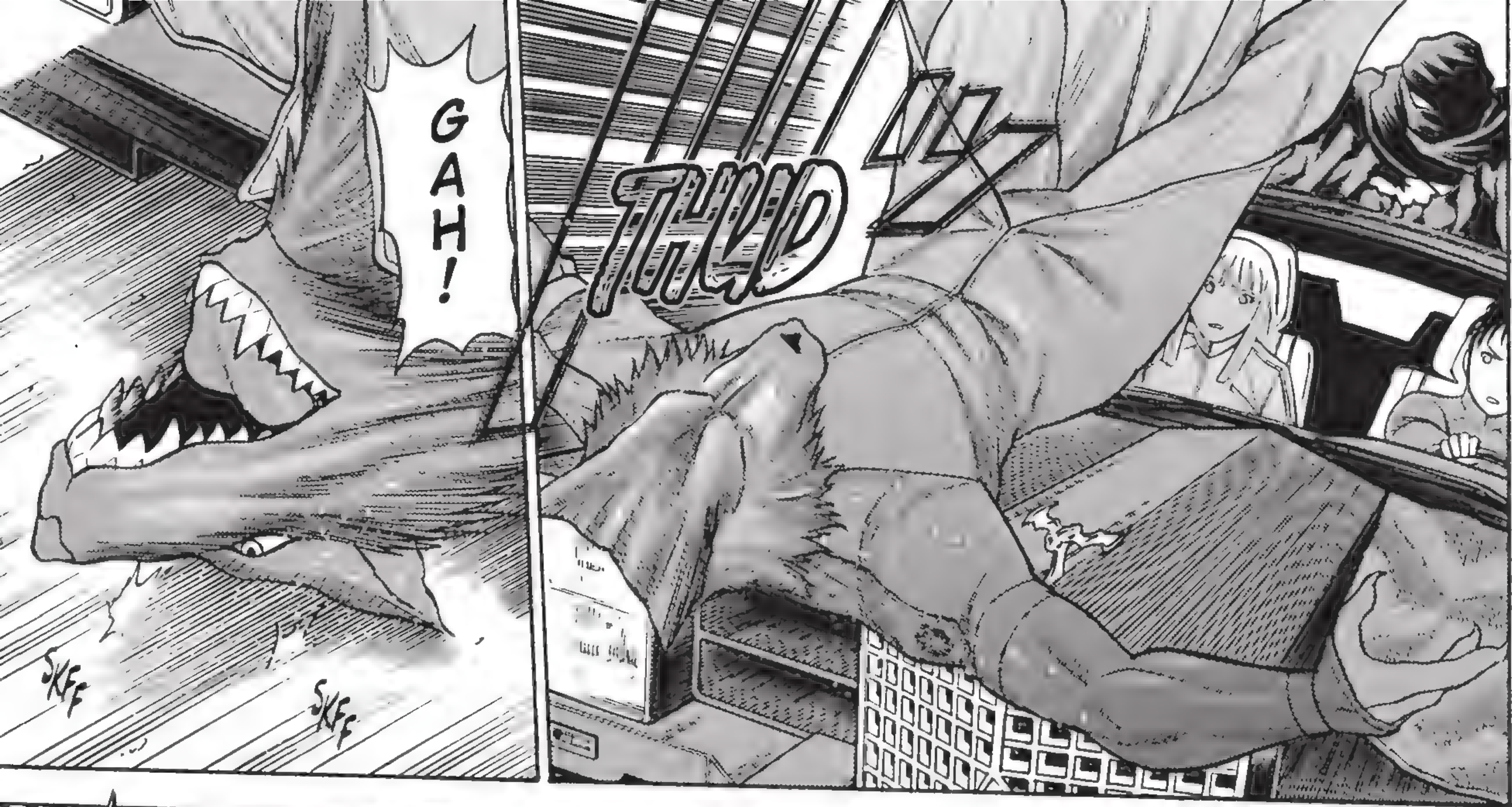
THE  
GLOVES  
COME  
OFF!!

D  
O  
O  
O  
O  
M

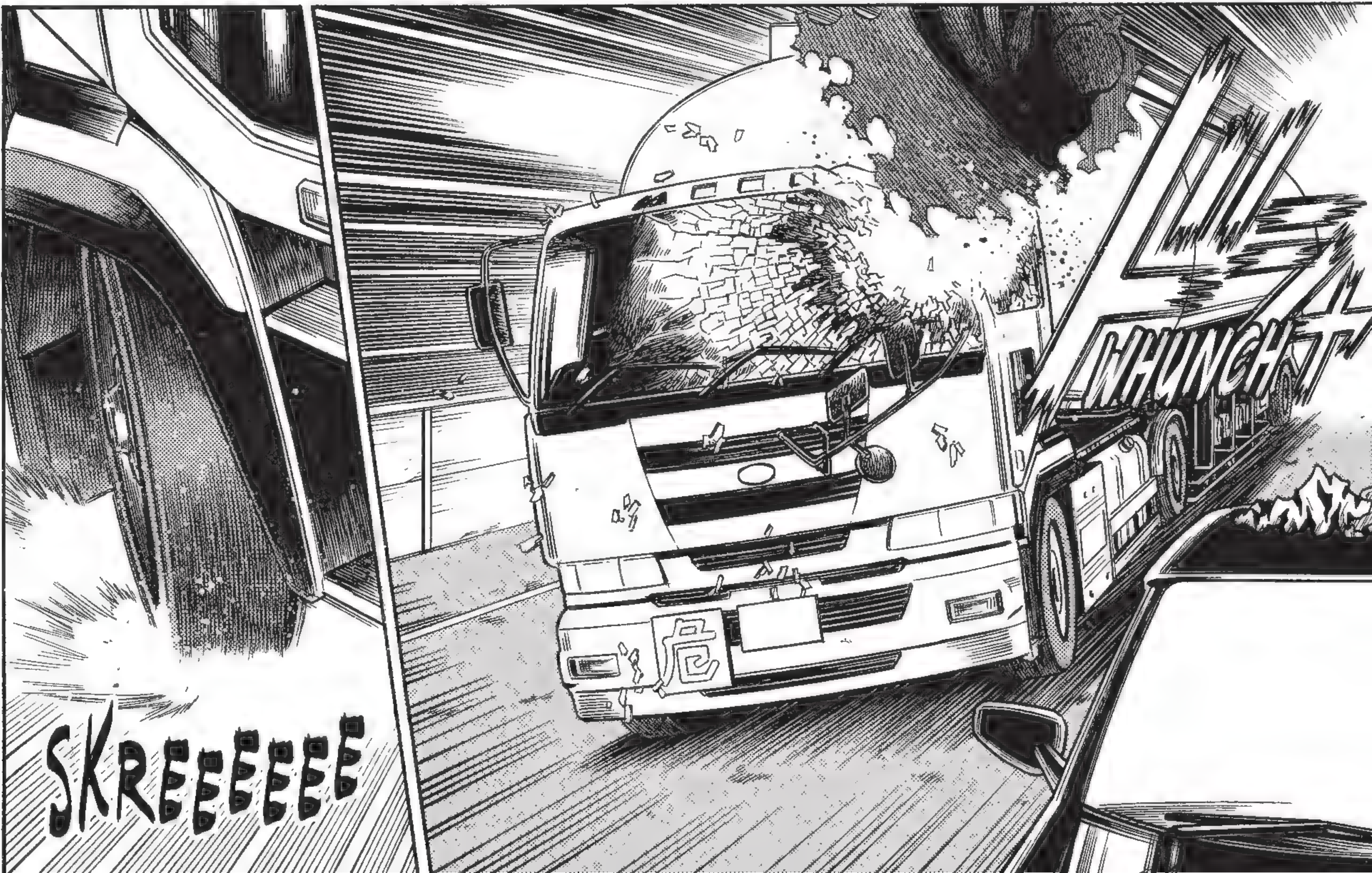
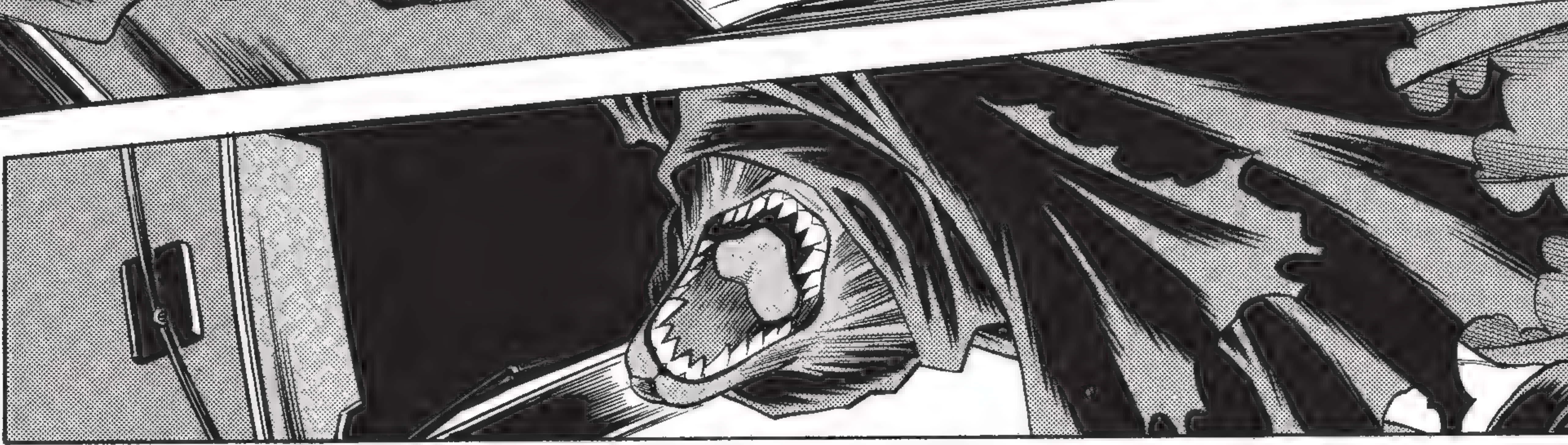




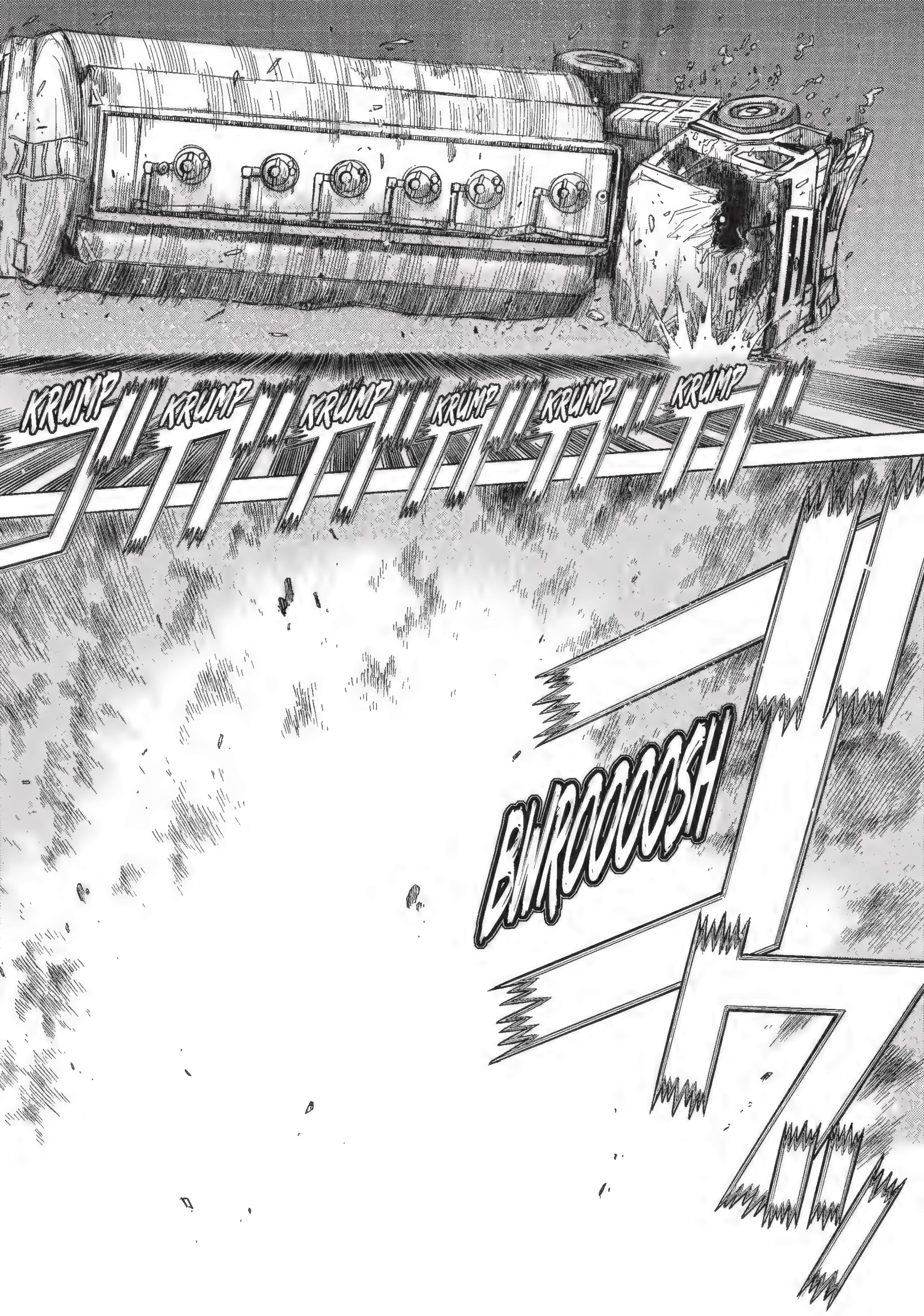




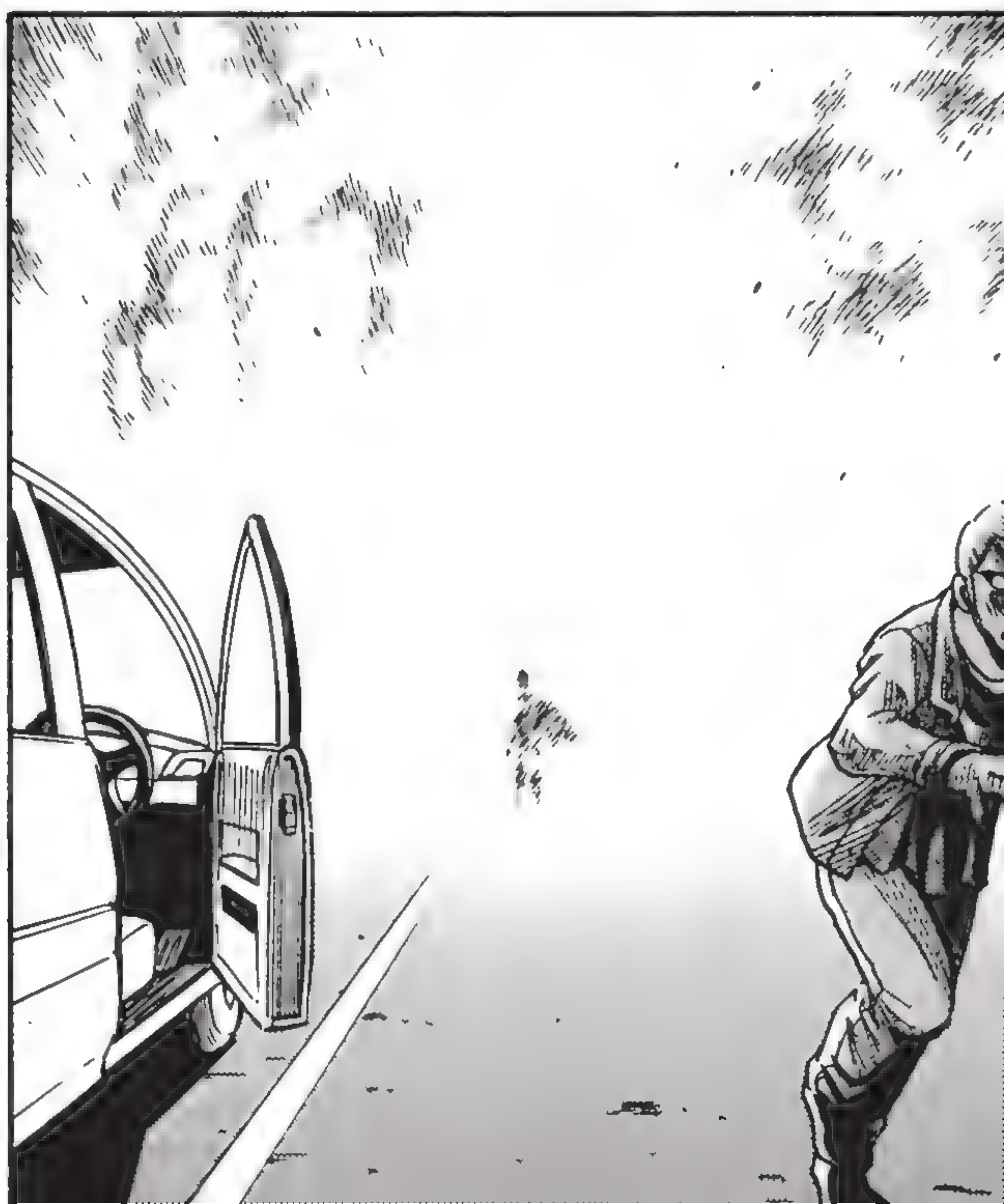
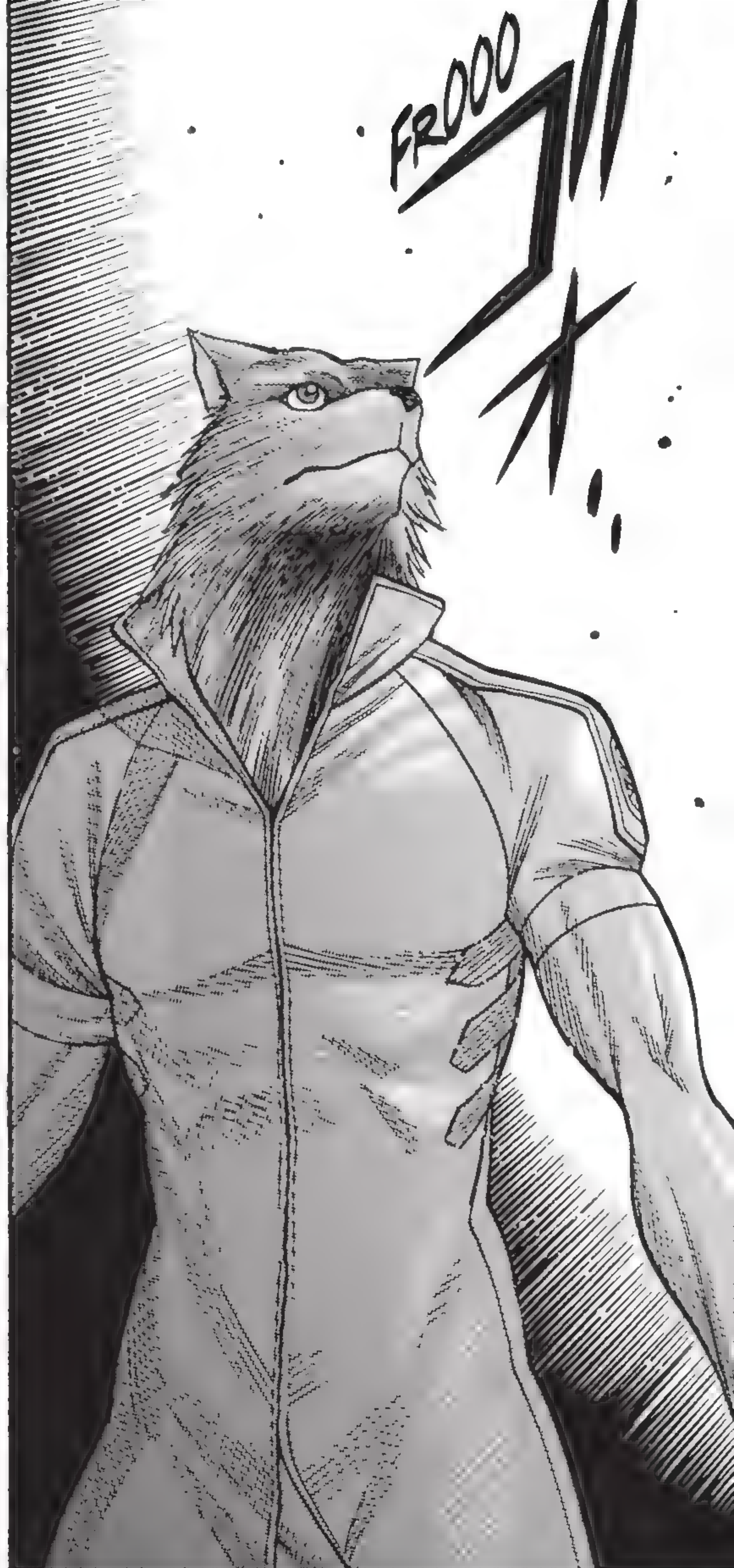
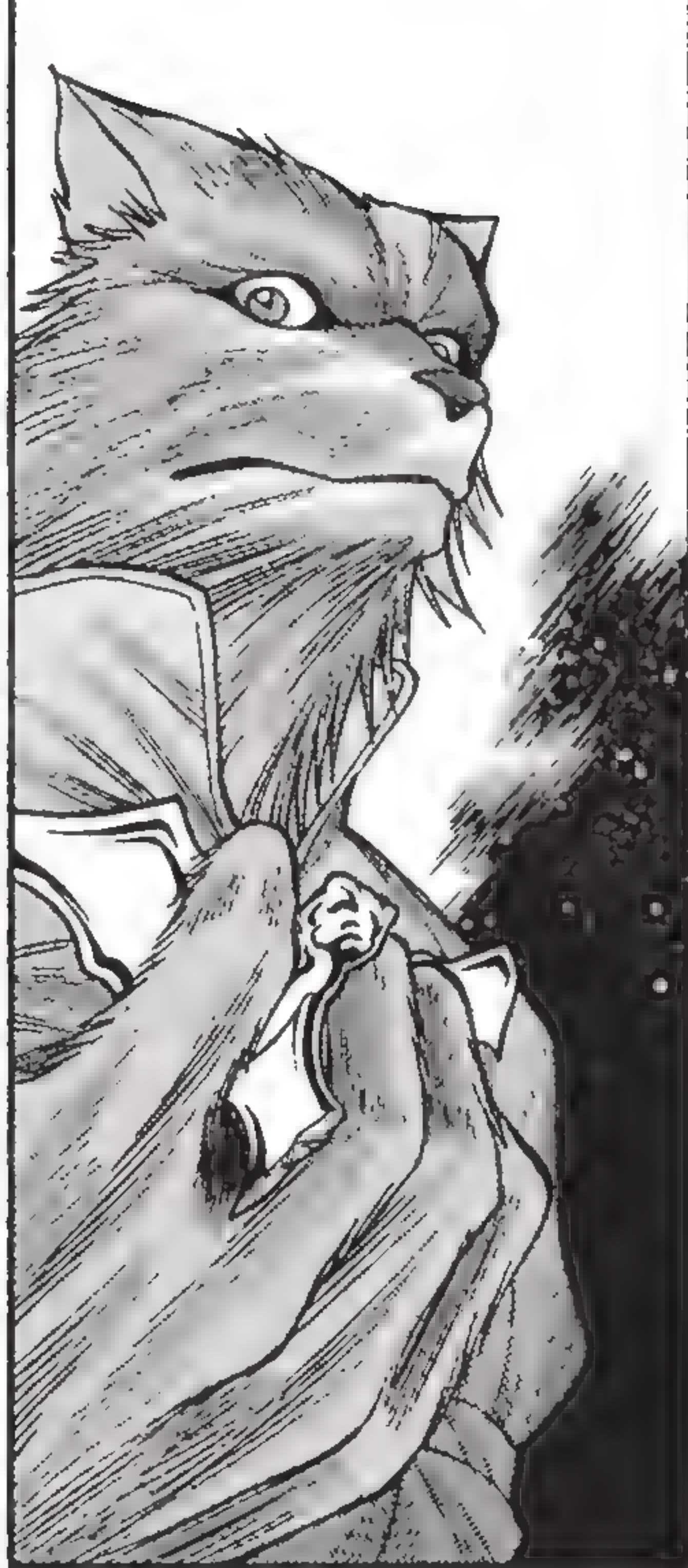




















AAA...

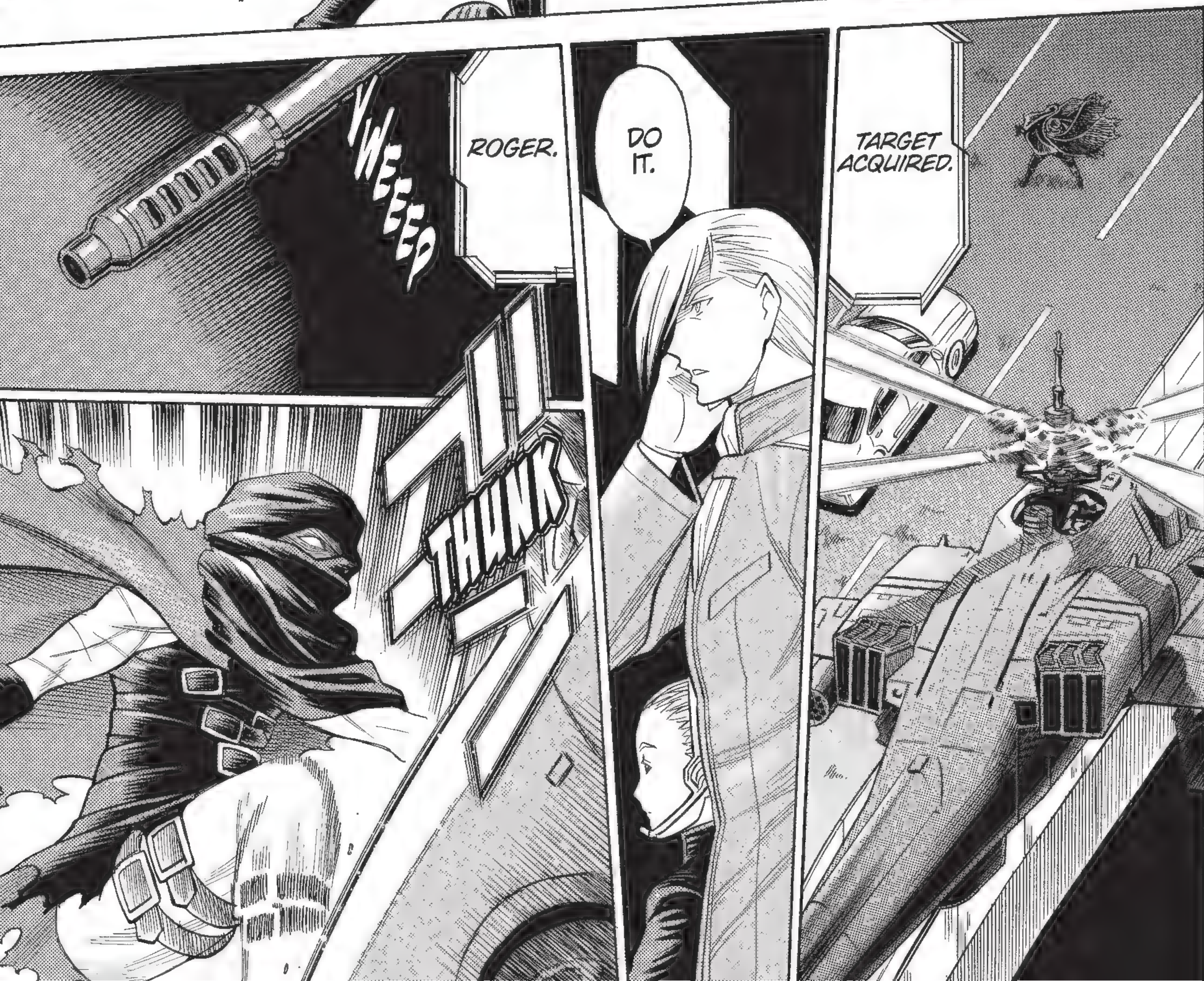
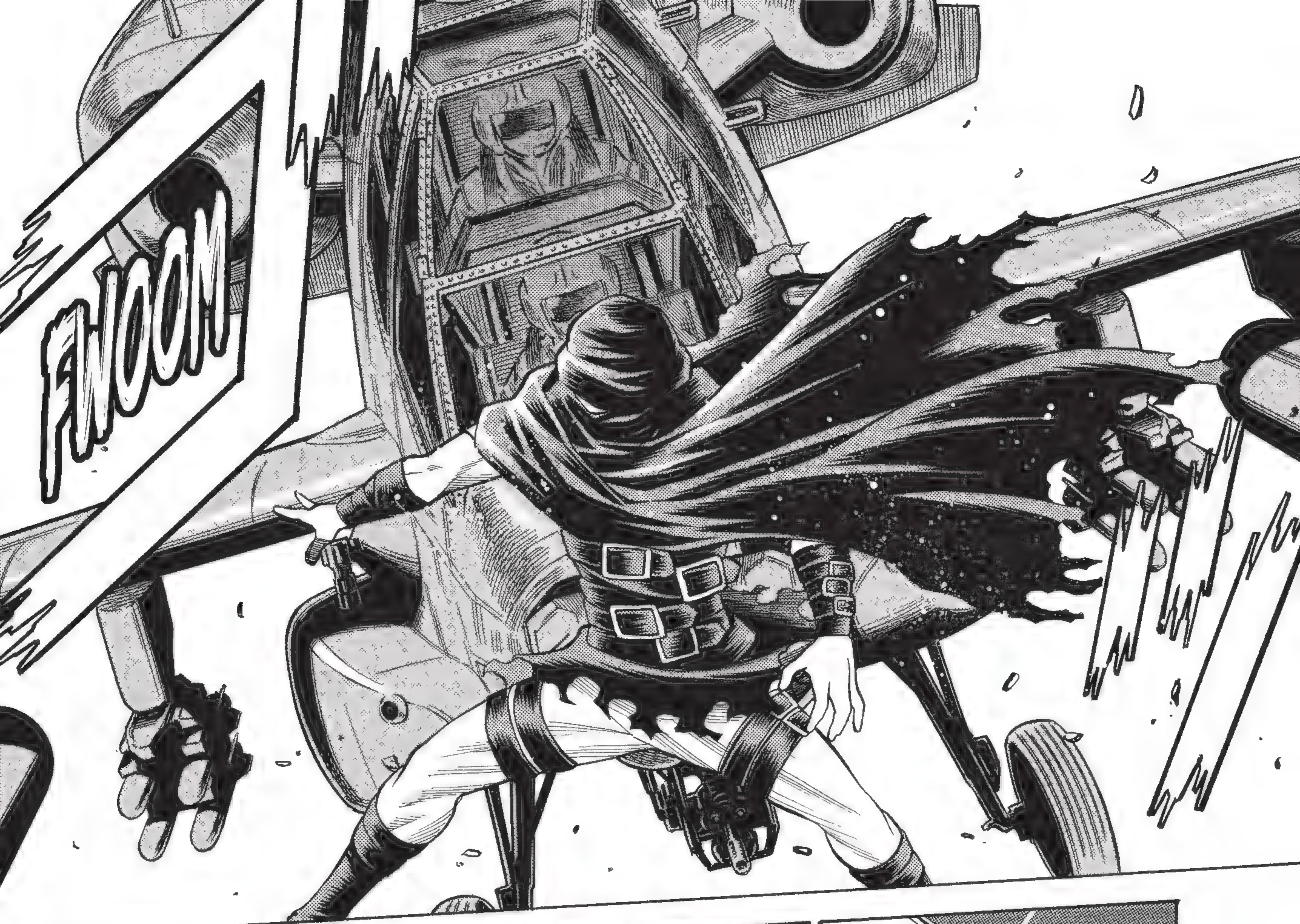
AA...  
KIRA...?



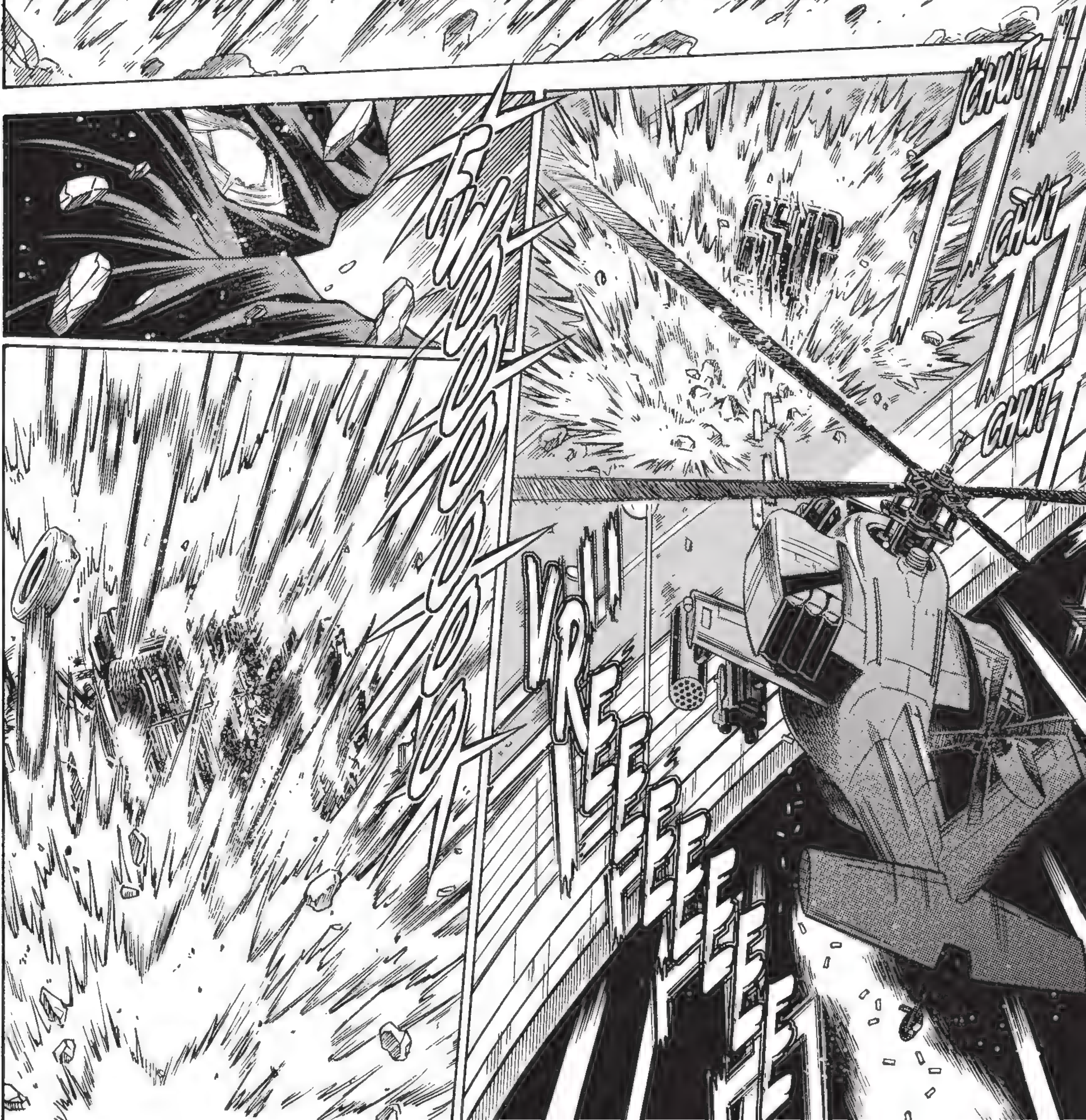
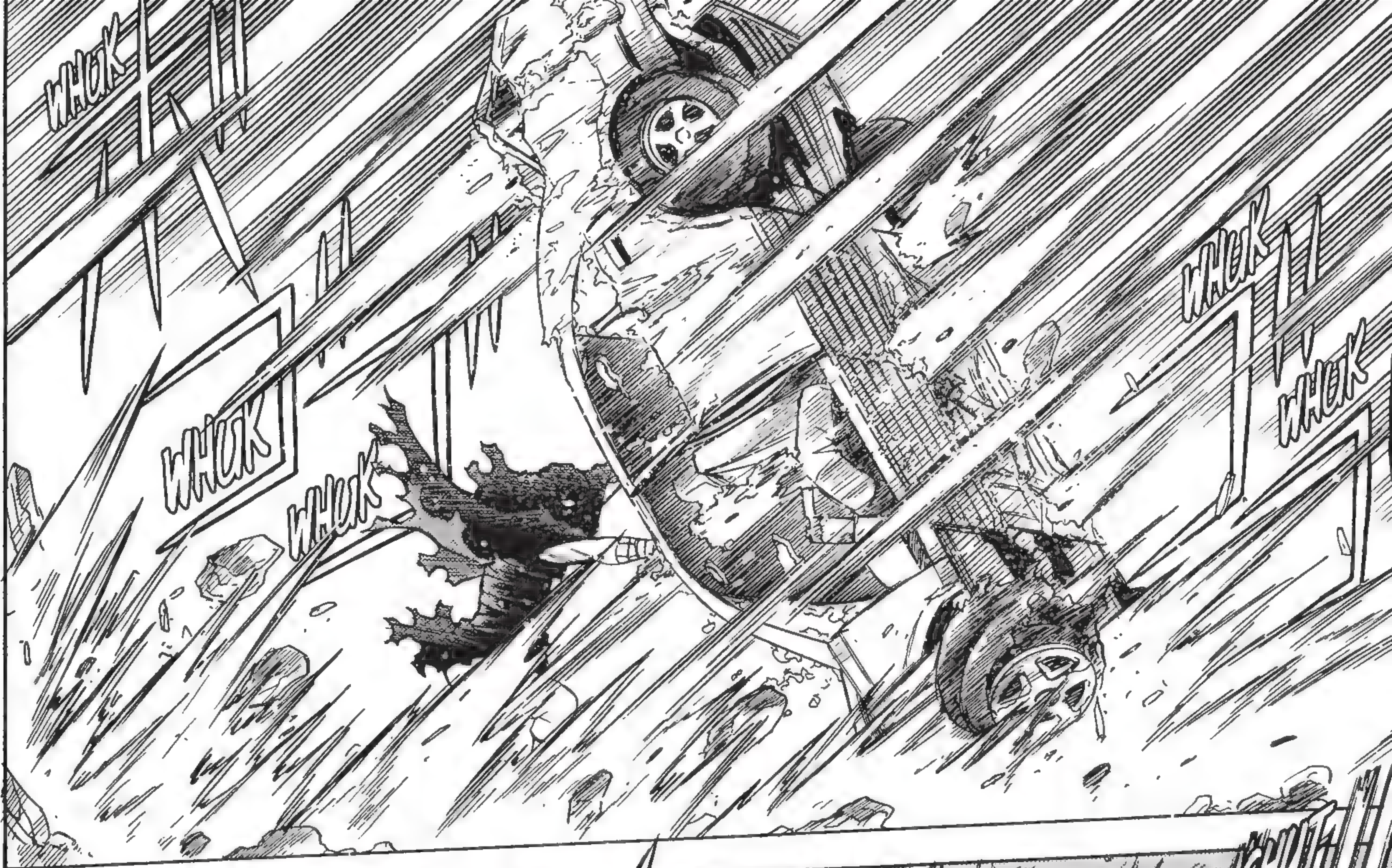
AAH...

AKIRA.

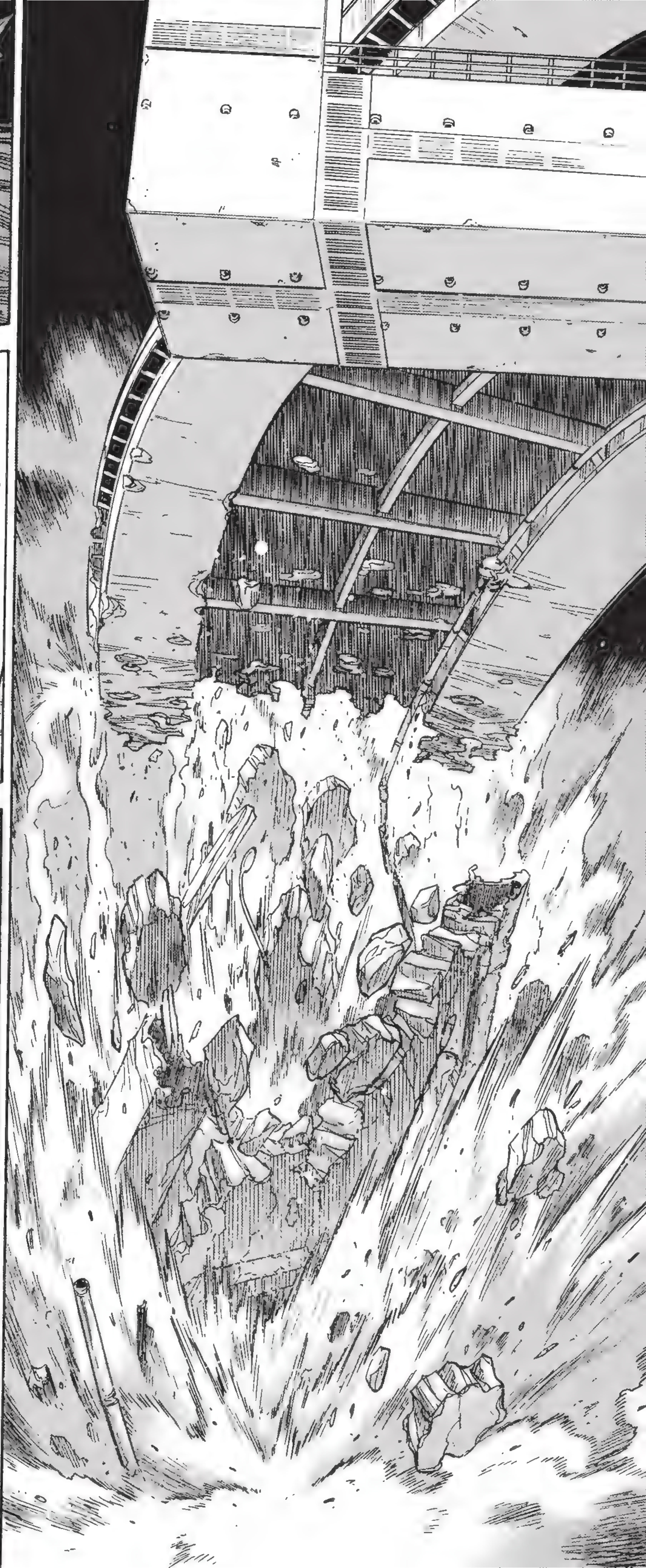
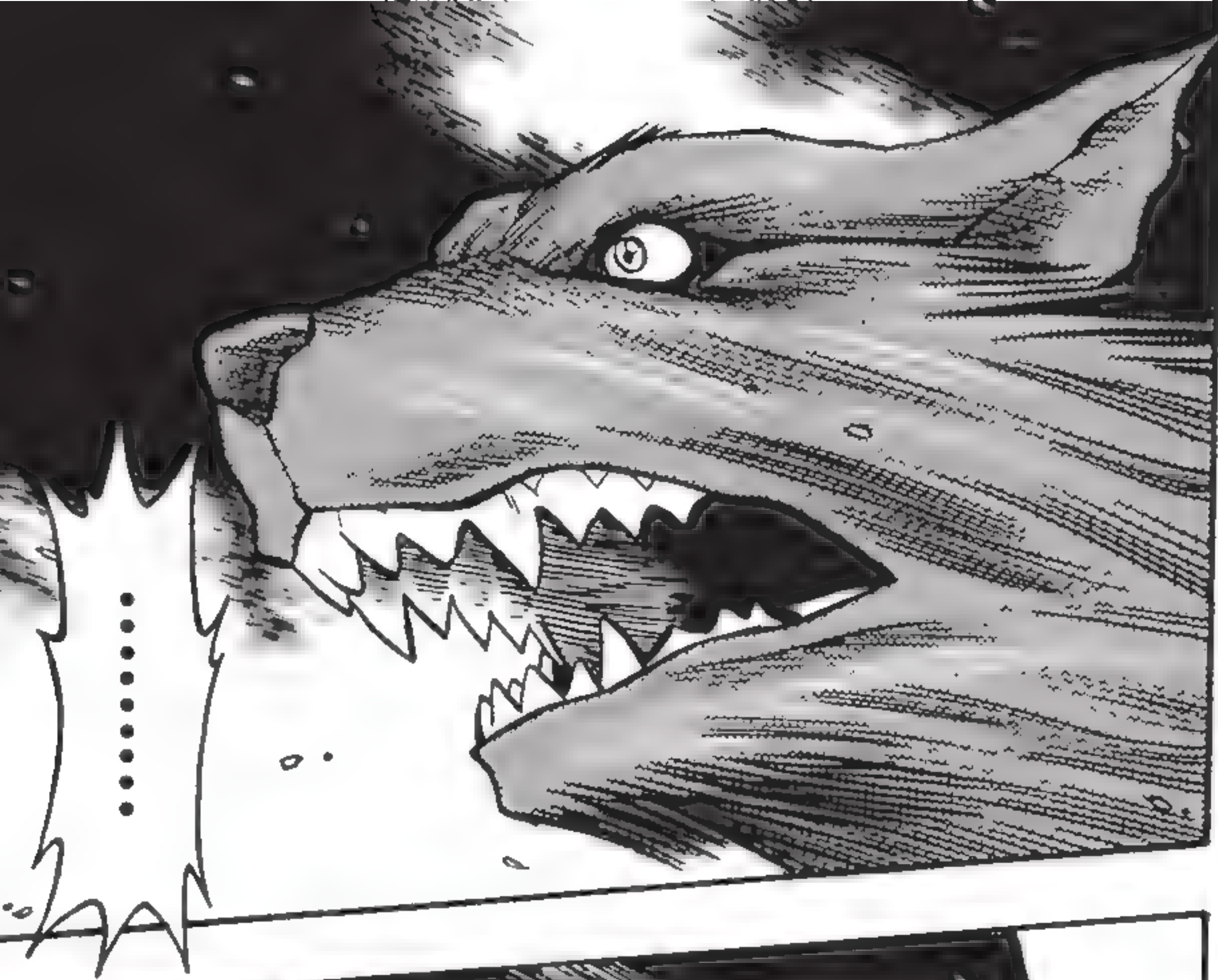












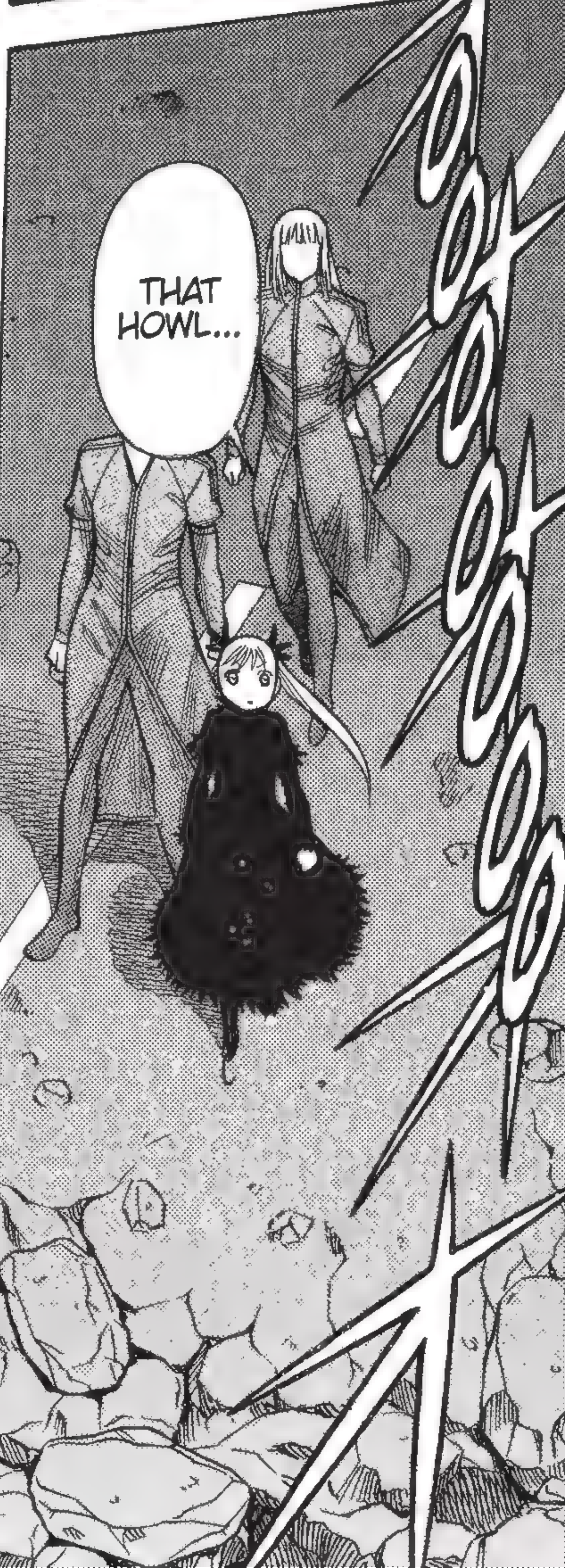
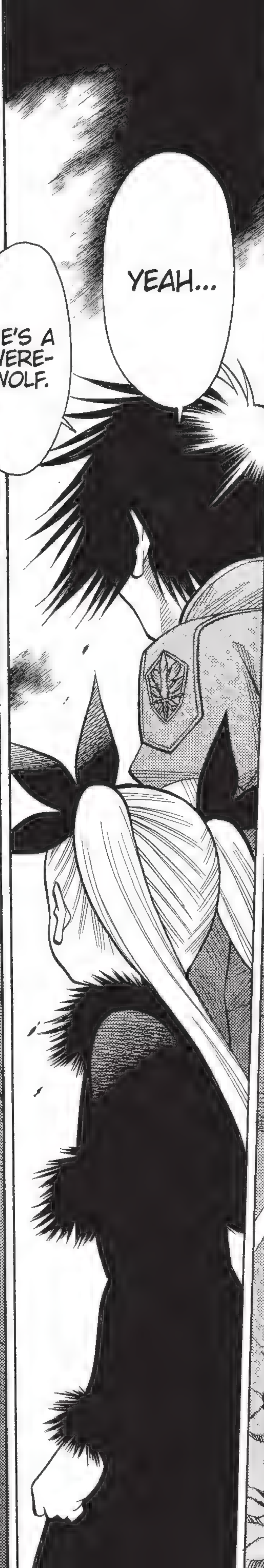




HE'S A  
WERE-  
WOLF.

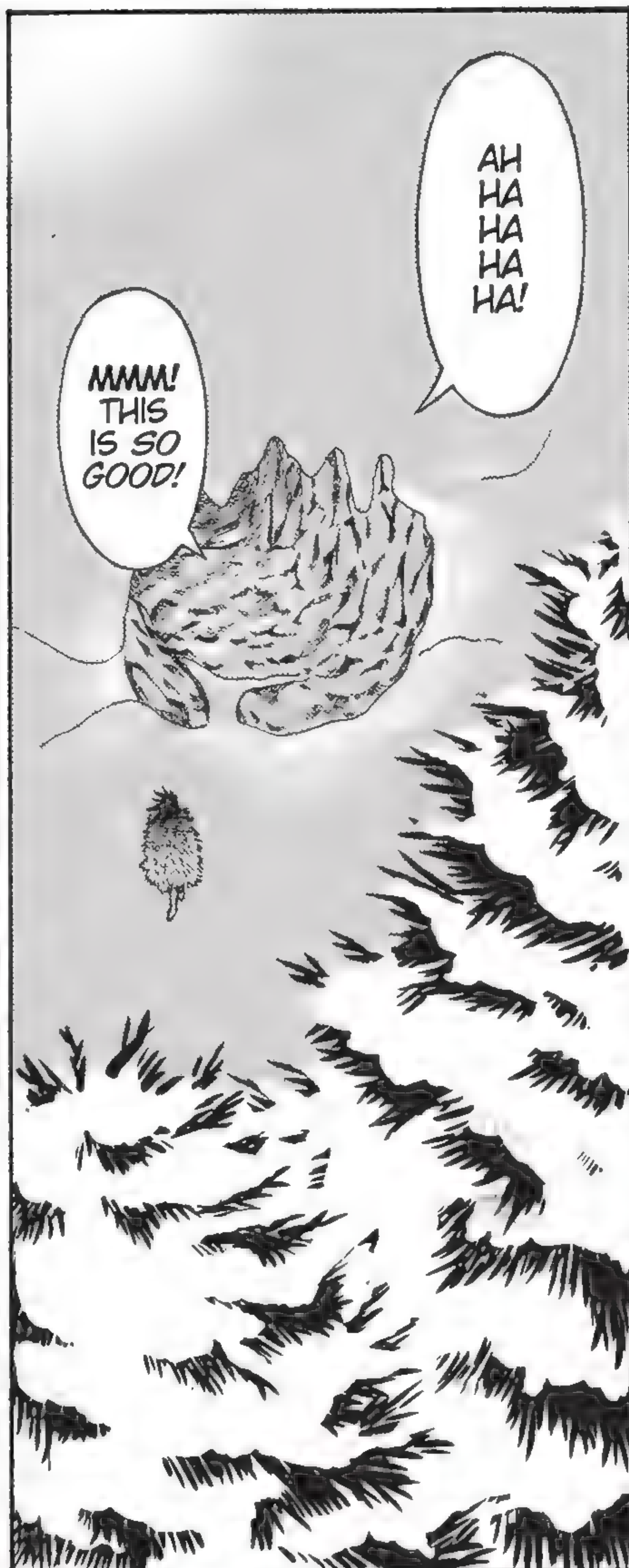
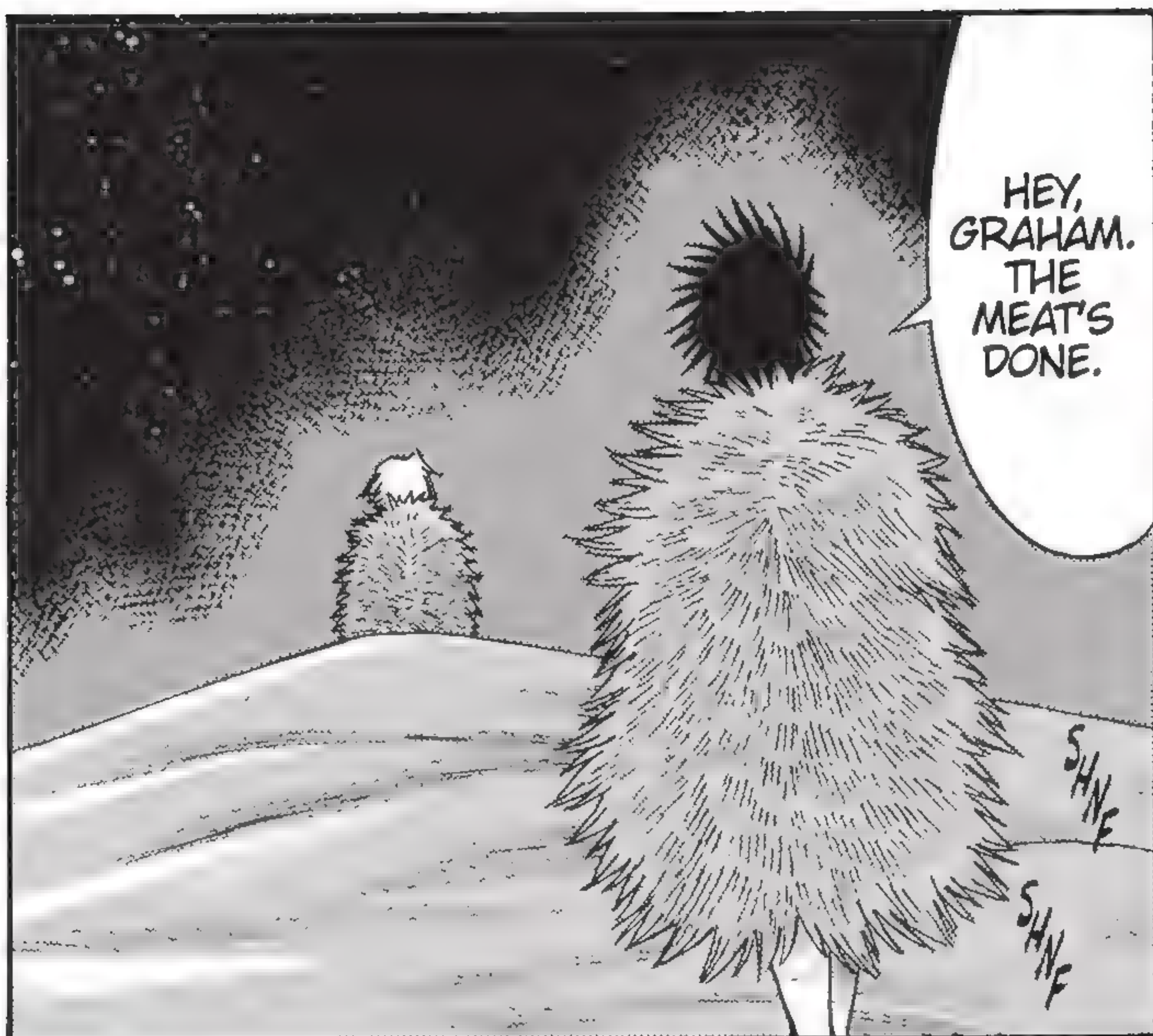
YEAH...

AND  
MAYBE  
EVEN...



THAT  
HOWL...









I  
MEAN  
IT,  
Y'KNOW.

I SWEAR  
I WILL...



I'LL  
COME AND  
SAVE YOU,  
EVEN IF  
IT MEANS  
MY LIFE.

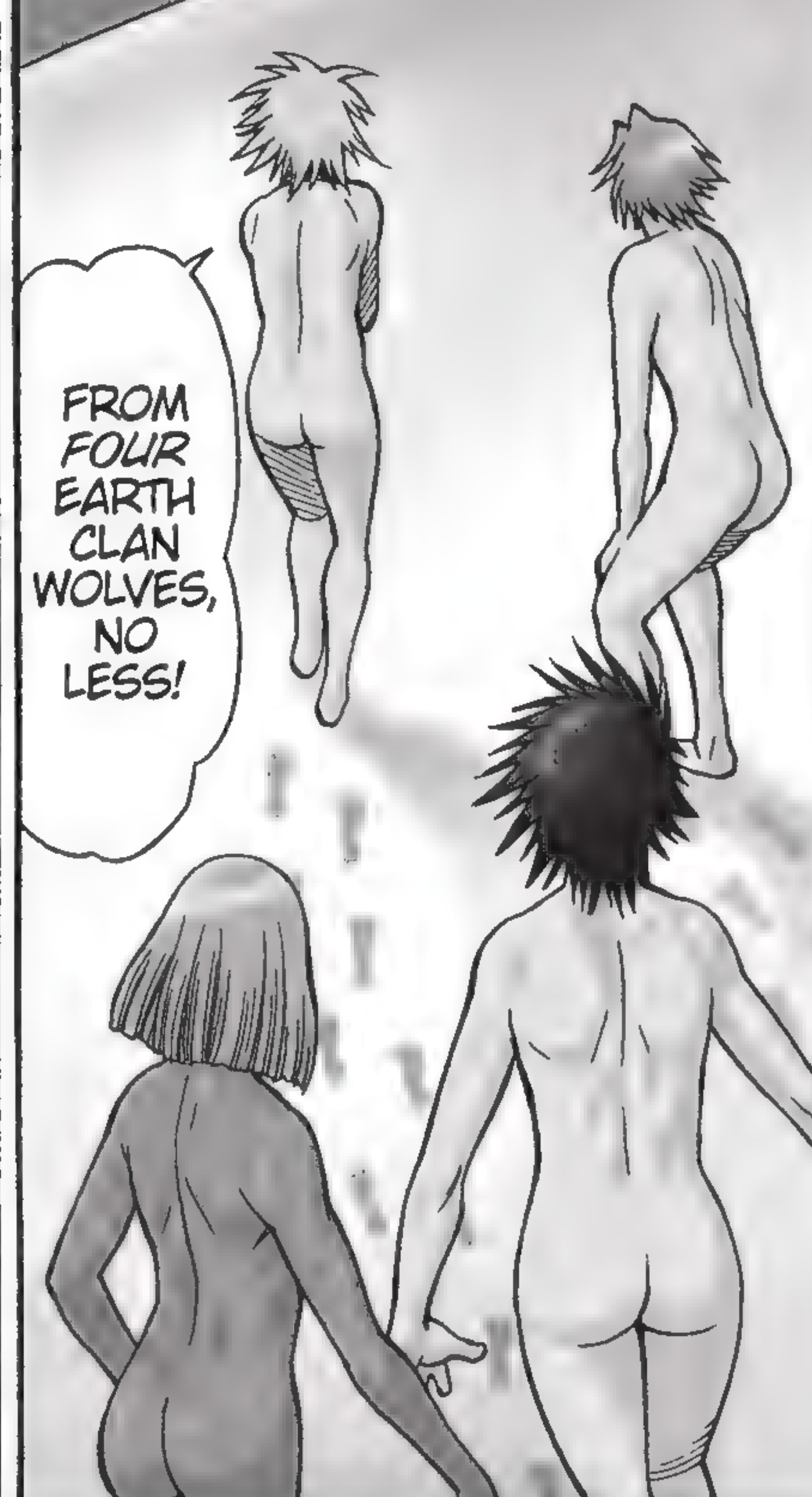
SOMEDAY,  
WHEN  
YOU'RE IN  
TROUBLE...



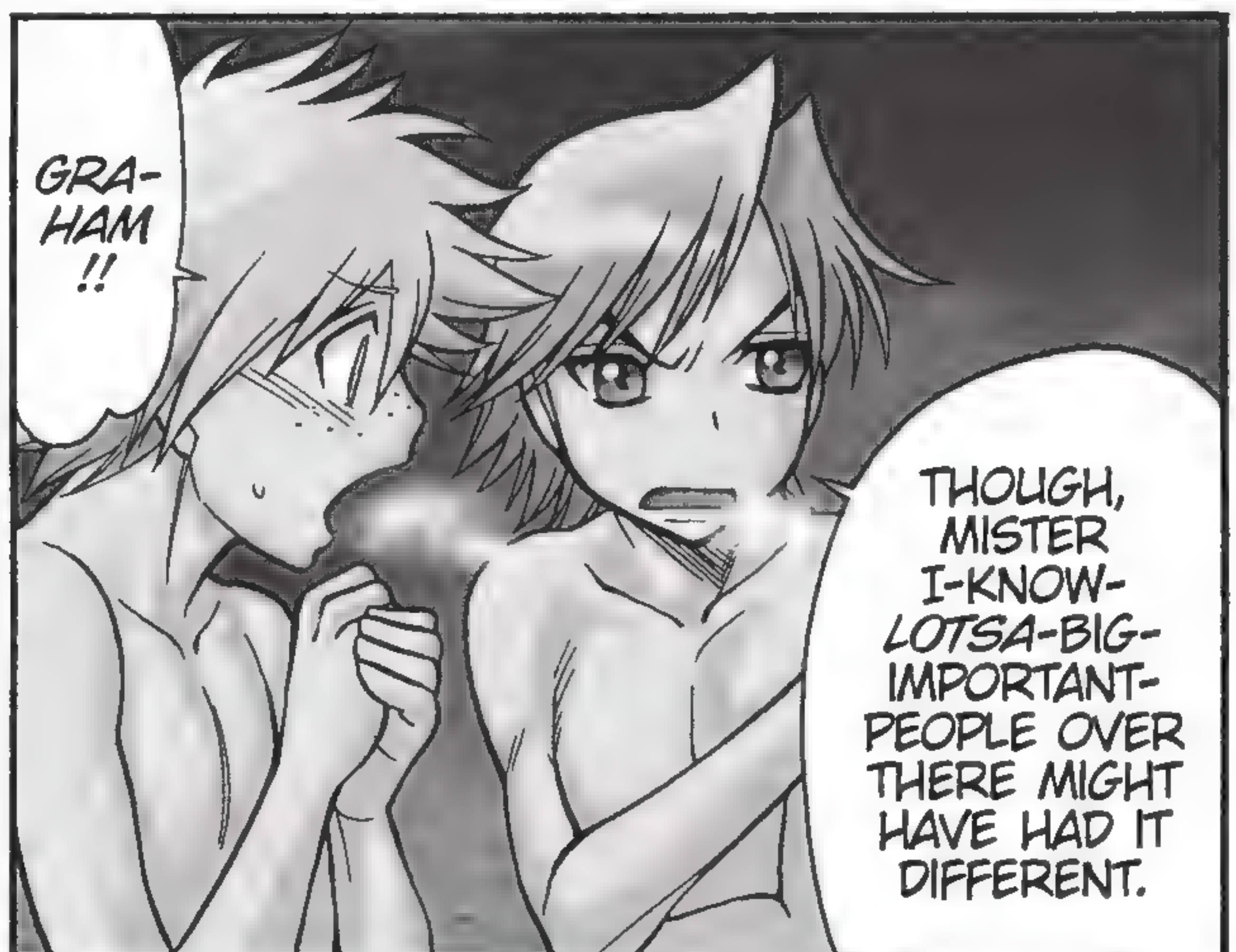
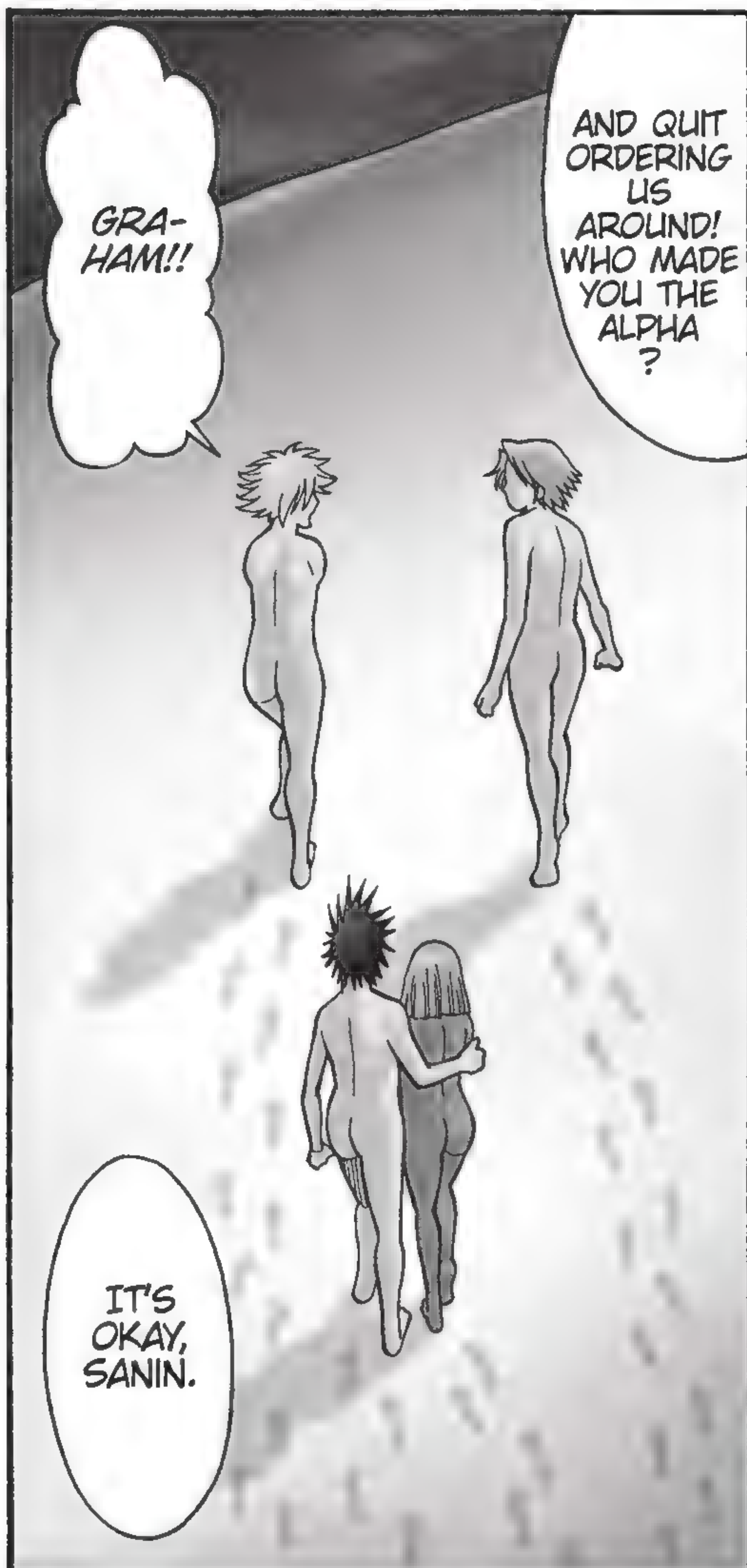
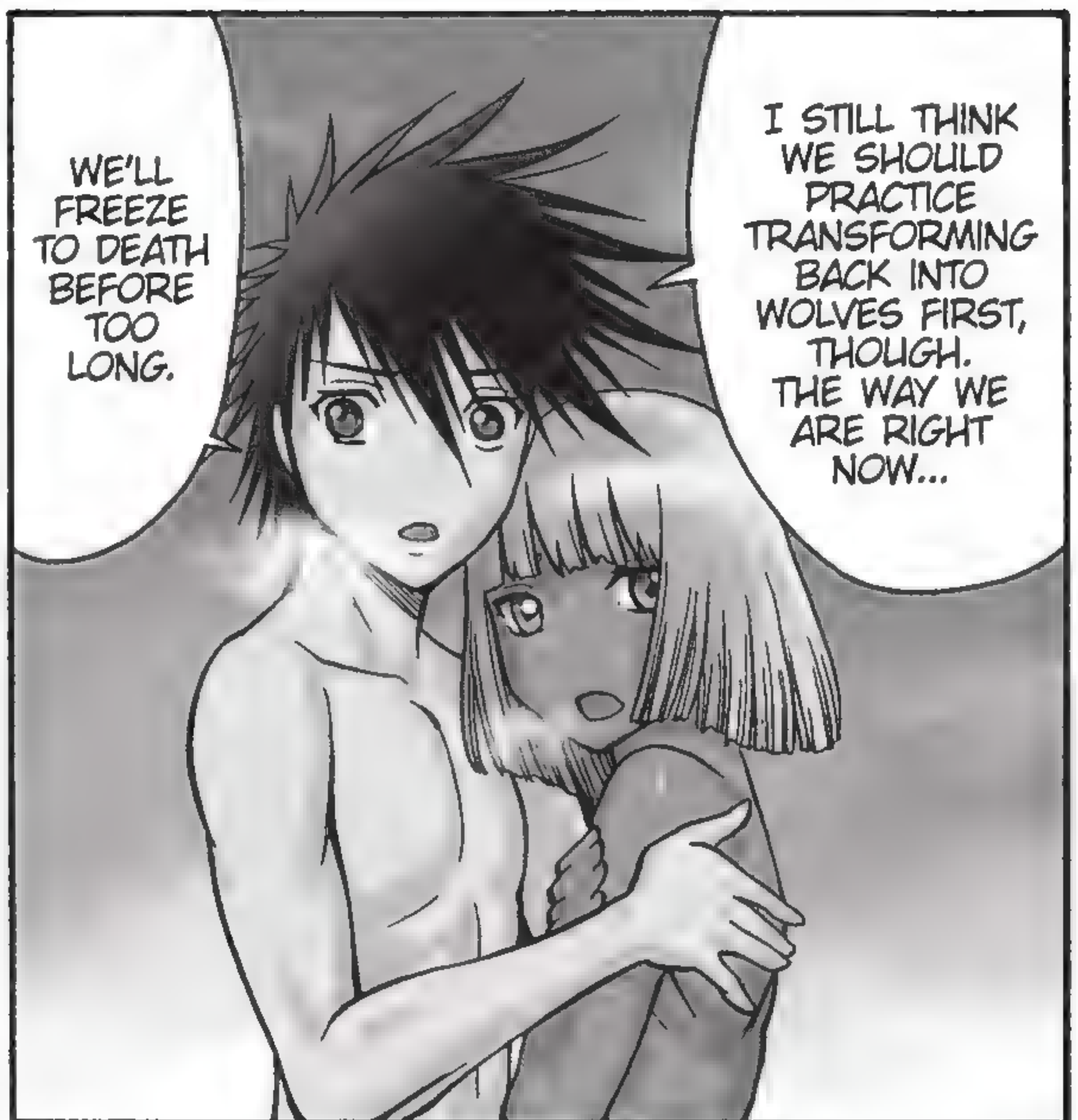
LET'S  
GO EAT  
BEFORE  
IT GETS  
COLD!

C'MON,  
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
GOIN' ON  
ABOUT  
ALL THAT  
FOR?







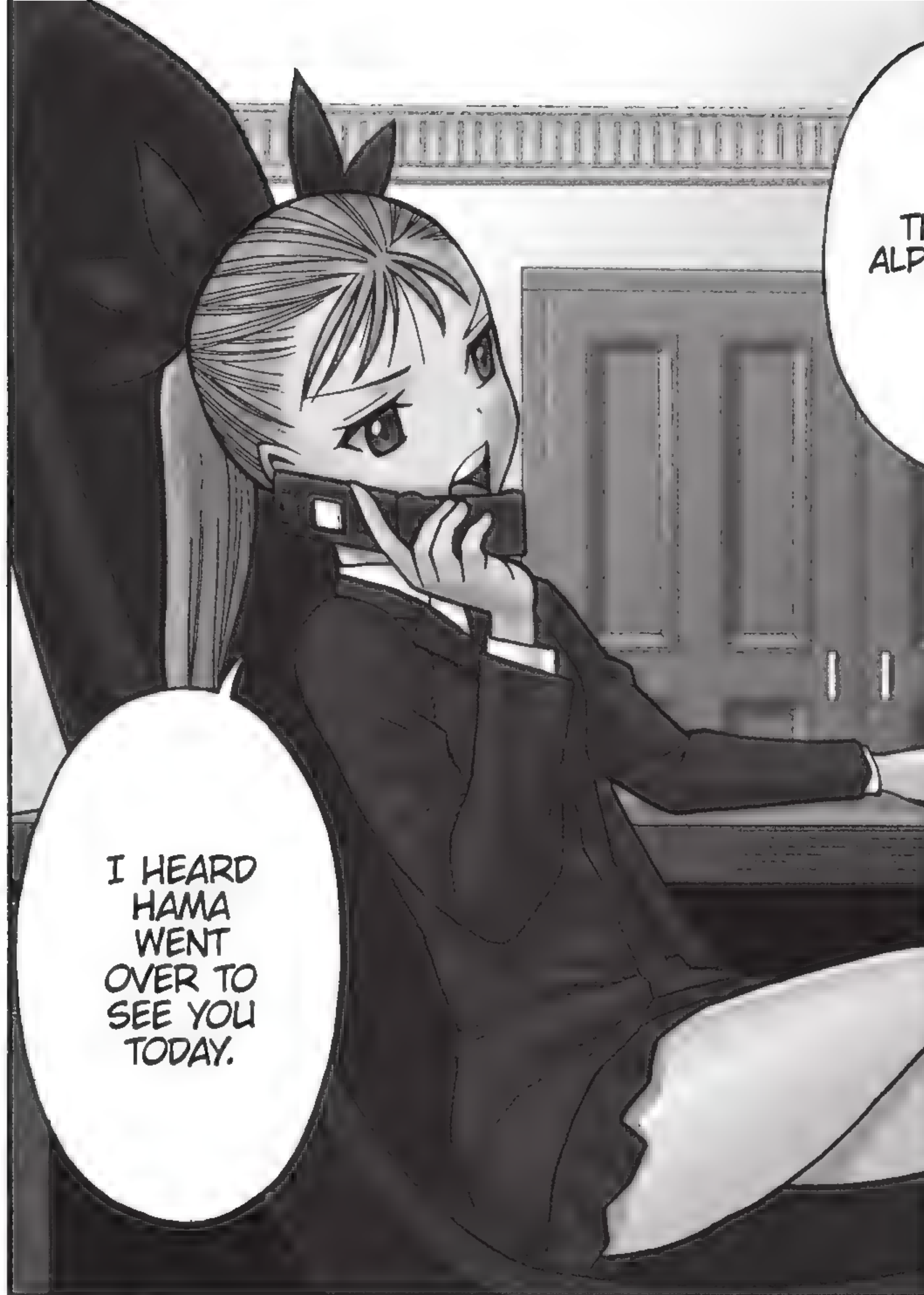




## ***Chapter 41: An Afternoon with Wolves***





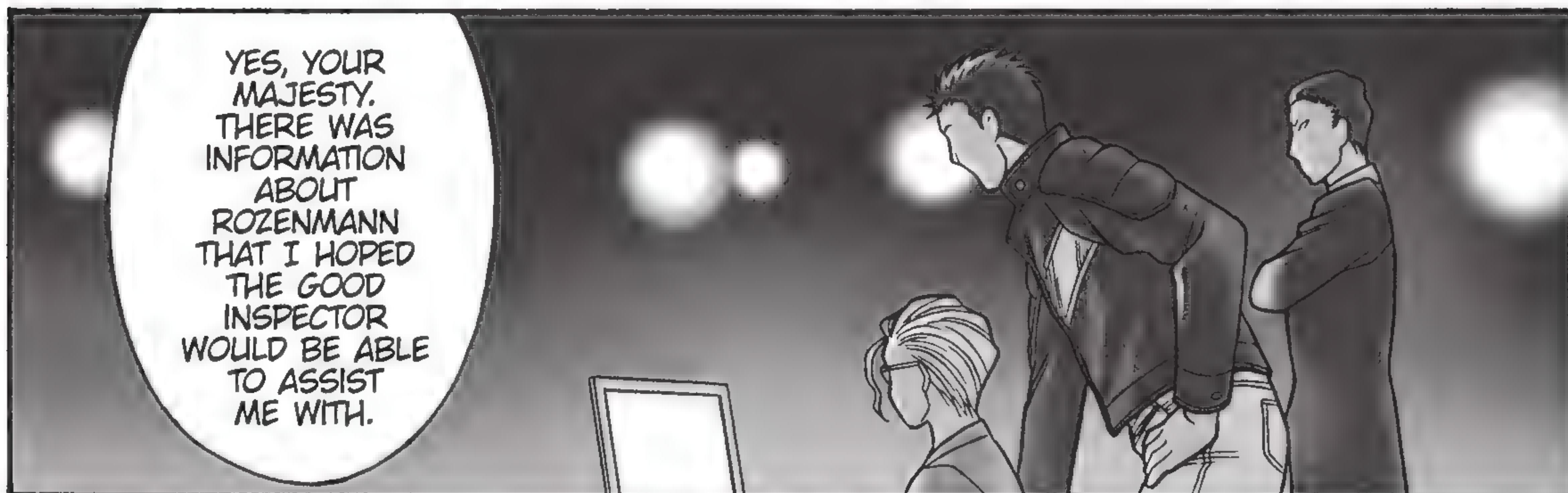


I HEARD  
HAMA  
WENT  
OVER TO  
SEE YOU  
TODAY.



THIS IS  
ALPHONSE.

YES.



YES, YOUR  
MAJESTY.  
THERE WAS  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT  
ROZENMANN  
THAT I HOPED  
THE GOOD  
INSPECTOR  
WOULD BE ABLE  
TO ASSIST  
ME WITH.



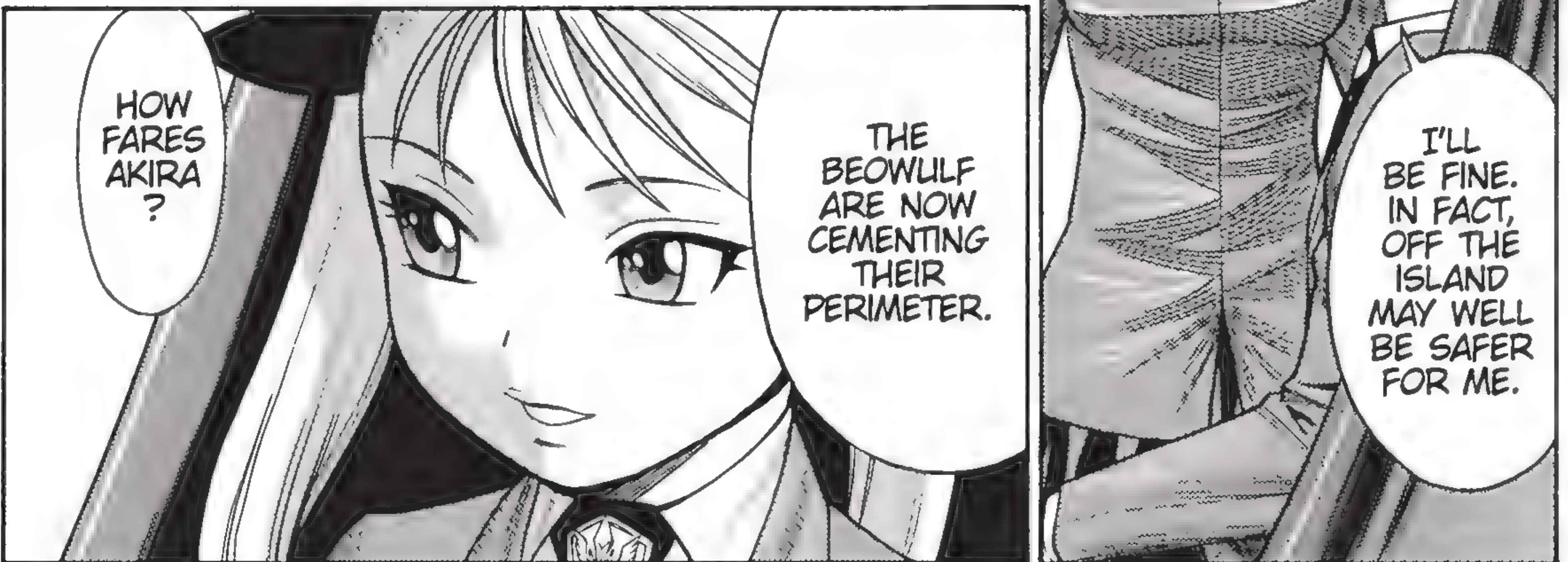
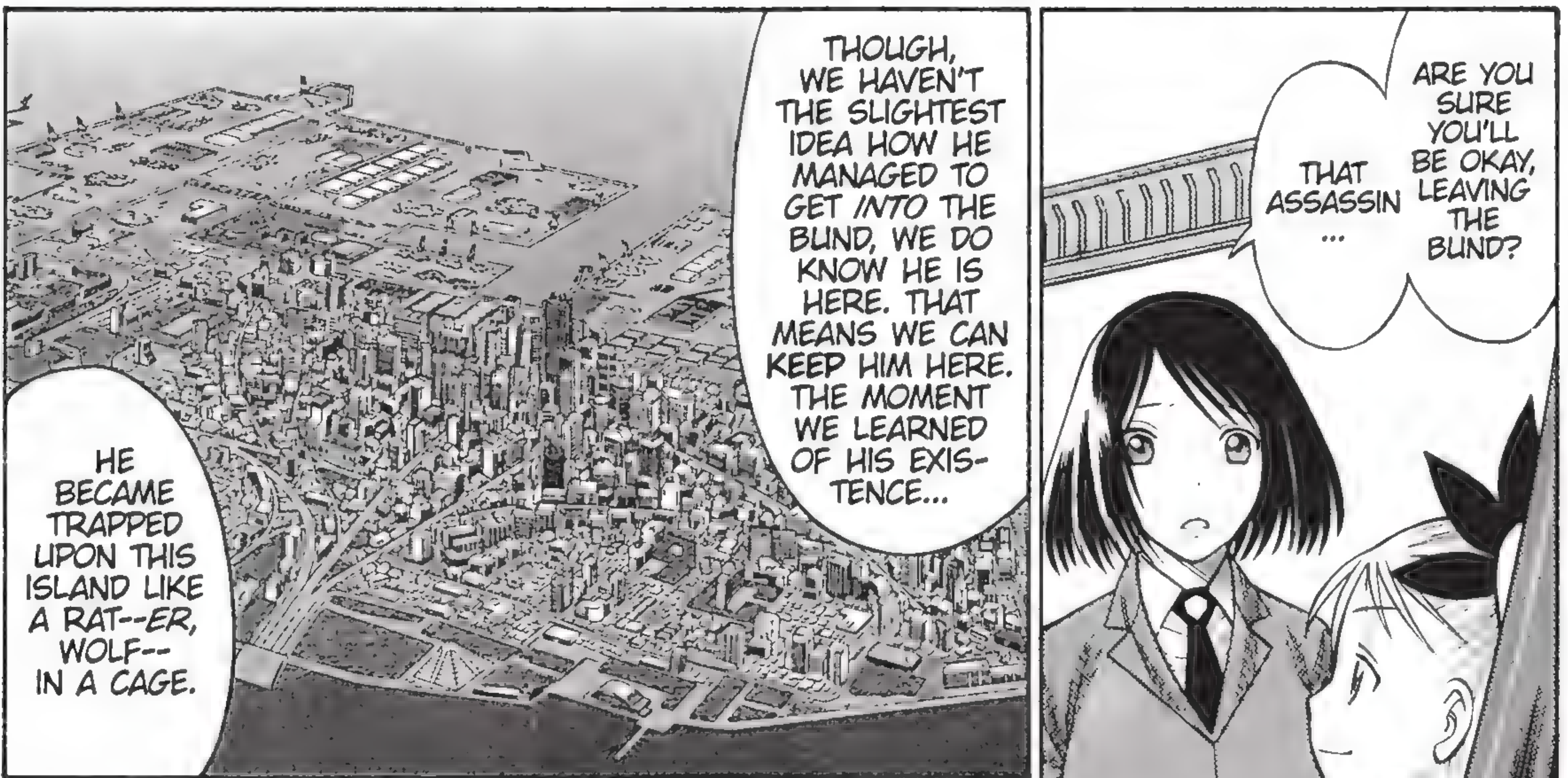
MAY I  
INQUIRE  
AS TO  
WHY?

SEND HIM  
TO ME  
WHEN YOU  
ARE  
FINISHED.  
I CAN  
WAIT UNTIL  
THEN.





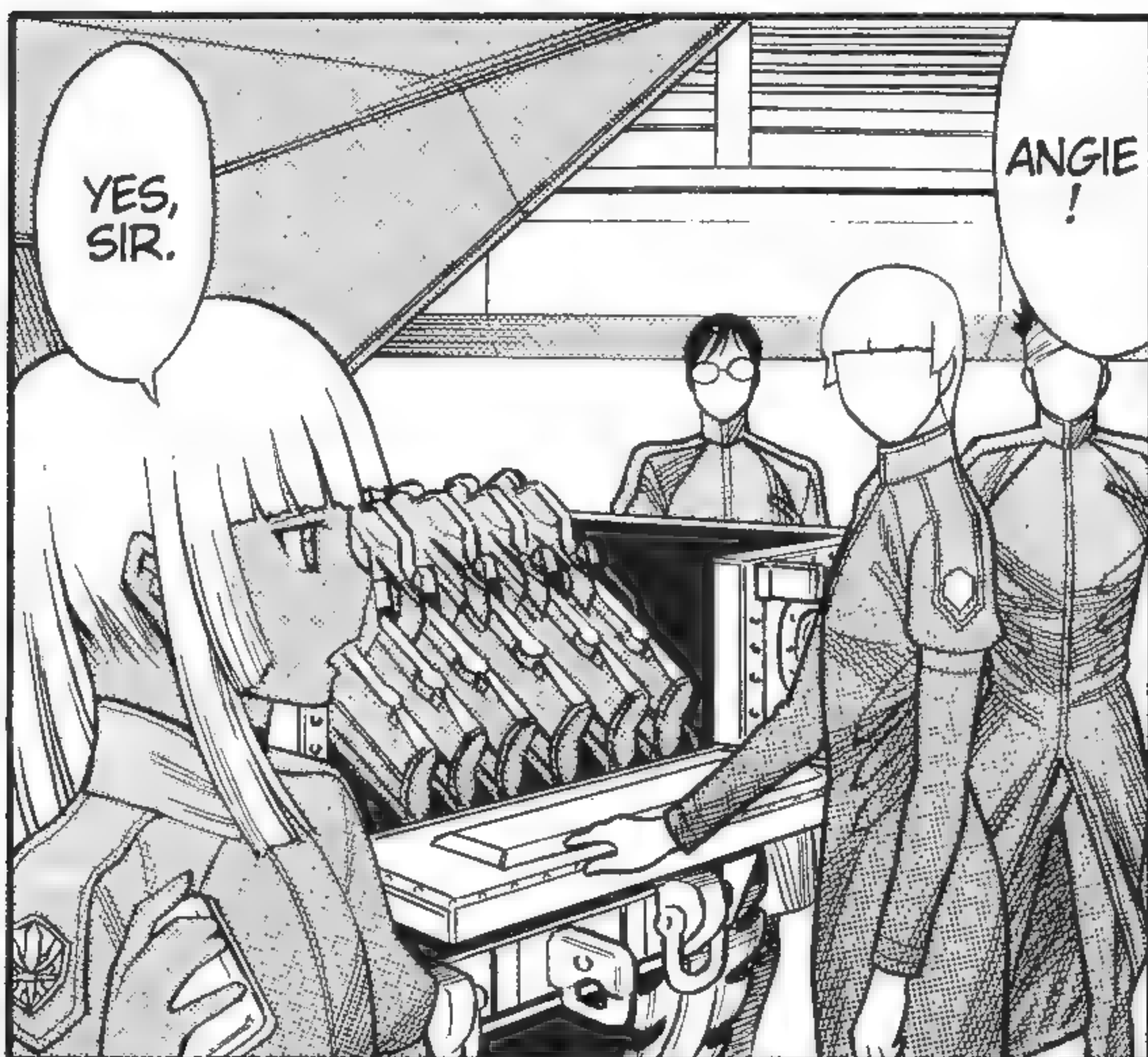












YES,  
SIR.

ANGIE  
!



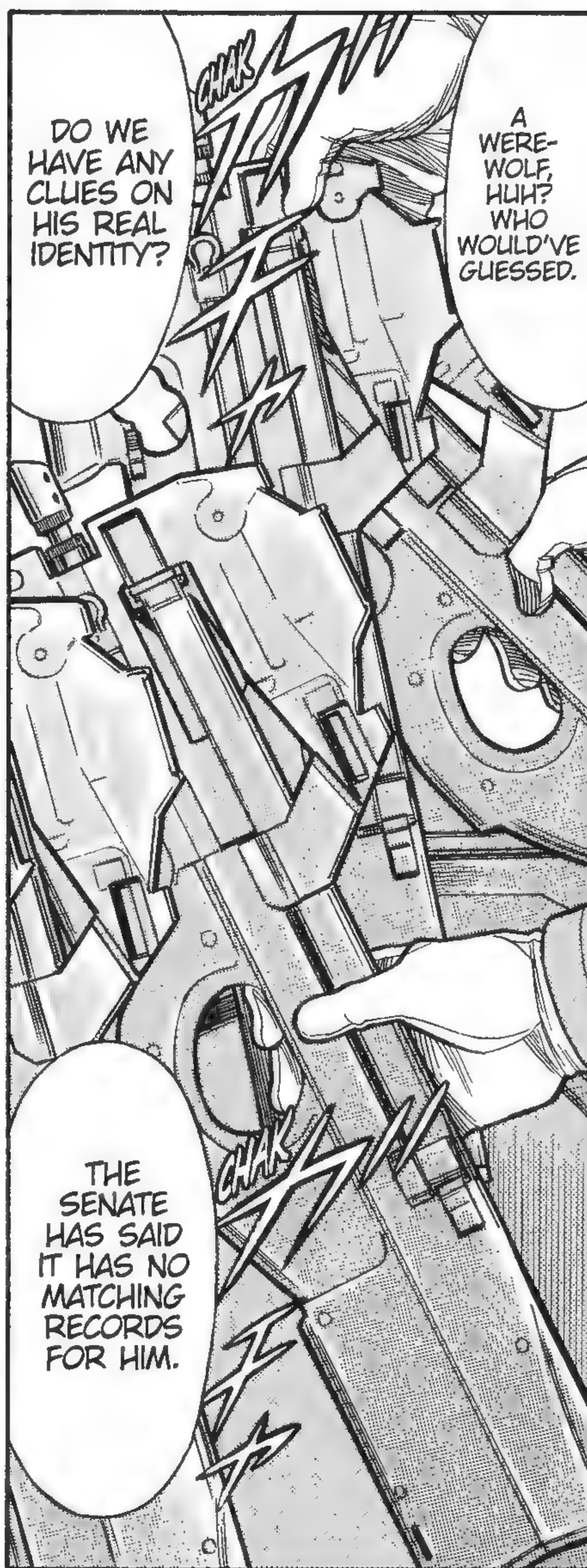
JUST  
LEAVE  
IT ALL  
TO ME,  
OKAY?

I  
KNOW.  
IT'LL BE  
OKAY,  
AKIRA.



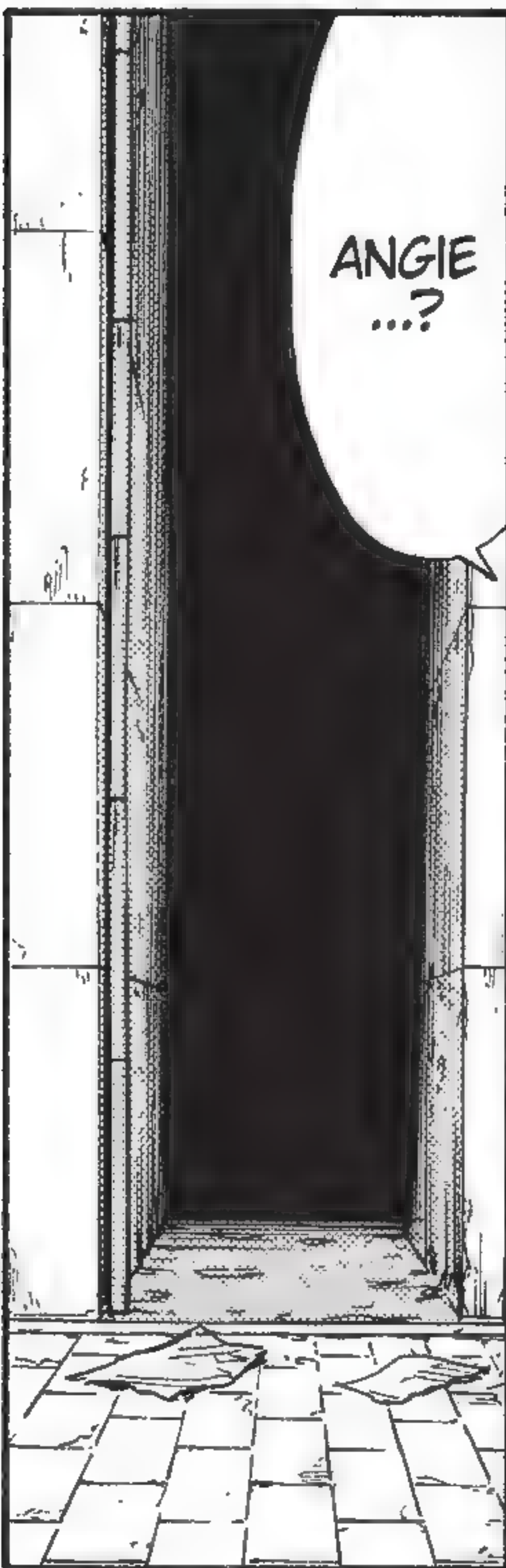
IT  
WOULD  
SEEM  
SO,  
YES.

SO  
HE'S  
OUT-  
CLAN...



DO WE  
HAVE ANY  
CLUES ON  
HIS REAL  
IDENTITY?

A  
WERE-  
WOLF,  
HUH?  
WHO  
WOULD'VE  
GUESSED.



ANGIE  
...?

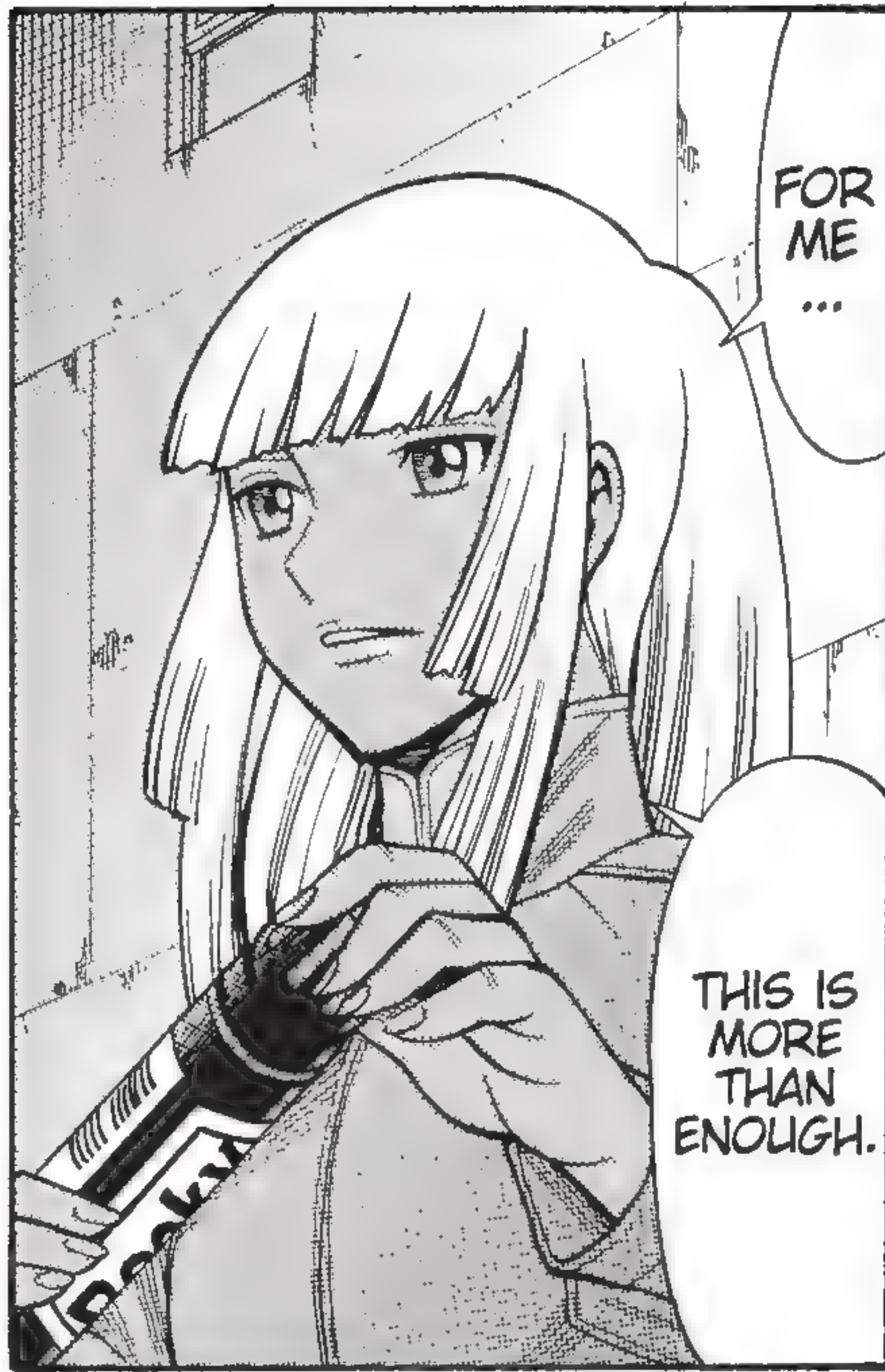
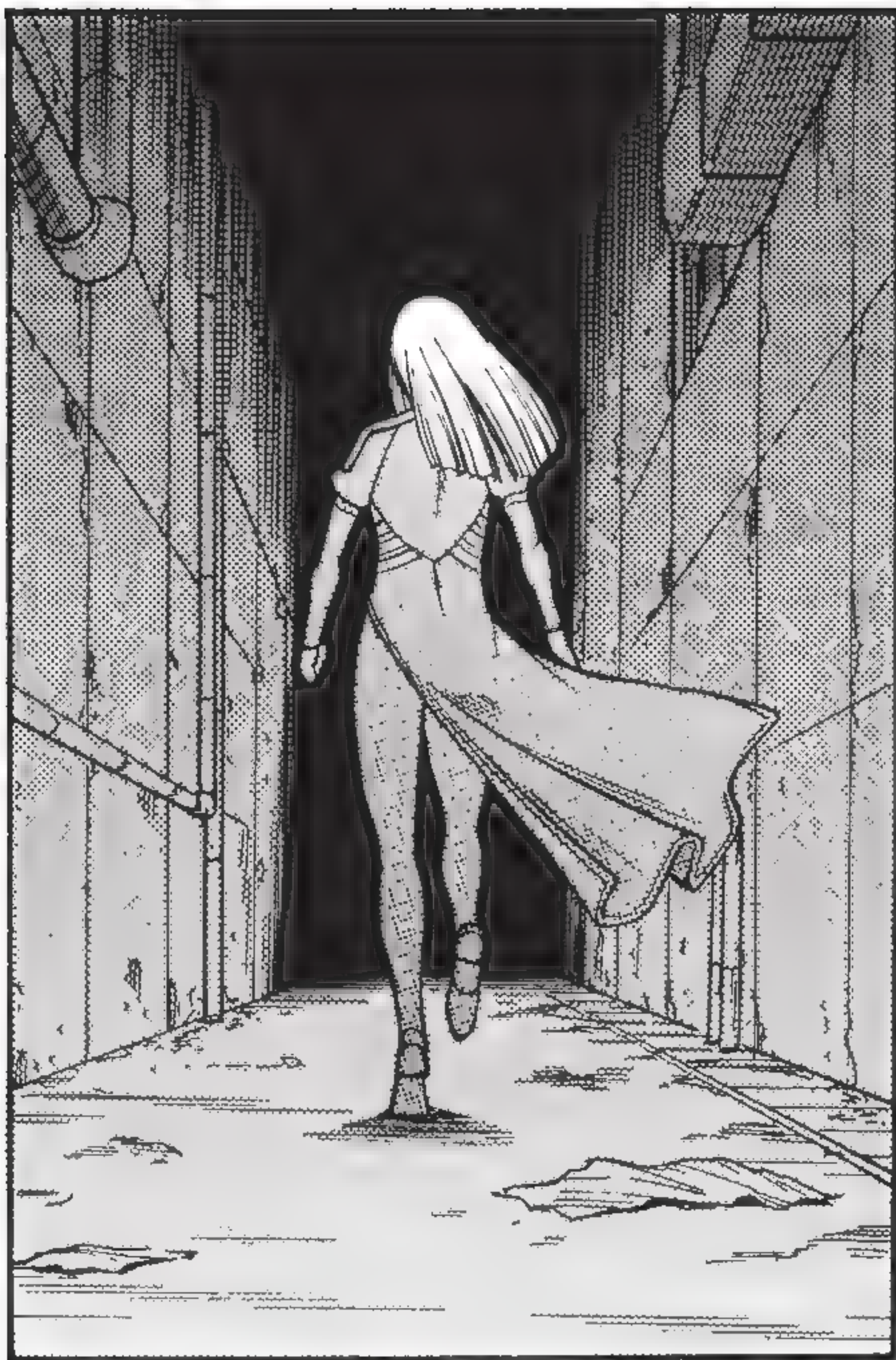


YOU  
TOO,  
ANGIE!

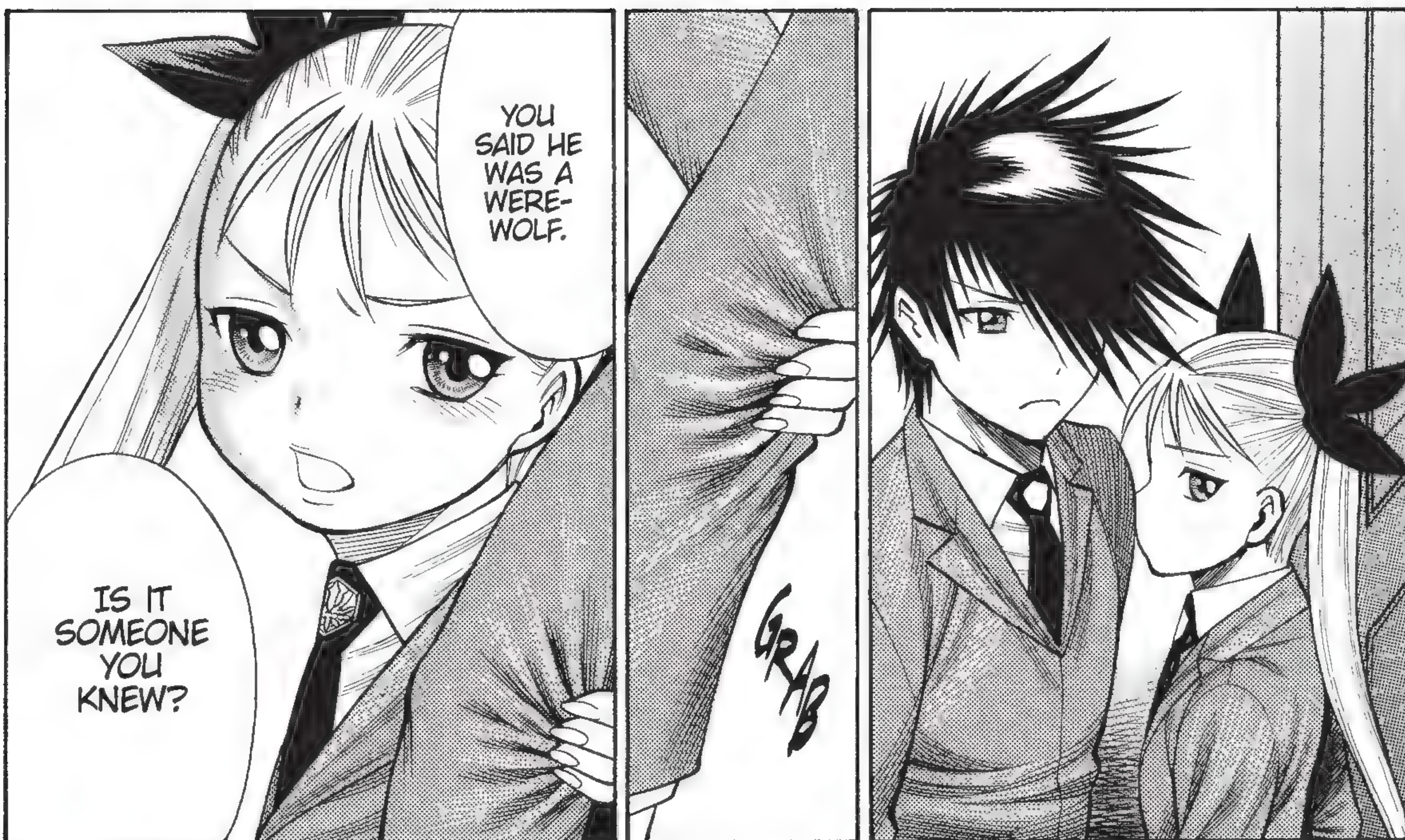
WHAT-  
EVER  
THE  
CASE,  
GEAR  
UP.

THE  
SENATE  
HAS SAID  
IT HAS NO  
MATCHING  
RECORDS  
FOR HIM.













YOUR  
HEART IS  
SCREAMING,  
AKIRA!  
IT HAS  
BEEN FOR  
YEARS!

I'D  
HAVE  
TO BE  
DEAF  
NOT TO  
HEAR  
IT.

IT'S  
CRYING  
AND  
BEGGING  
FOR  
HELP!



AND  
YOU  
DARE  
SAY...

THAT  
IT'S  
"NONE  
OF MY  
BUSI-  
NESS"  
?!



NOT...  
MY  
BUSI-  
NESS?

DO YOU  
HAVE  
ANY  
IDEA  
HOW  
MUCH  
I...?



WHAT  
AM I  
TO  
YOU?!

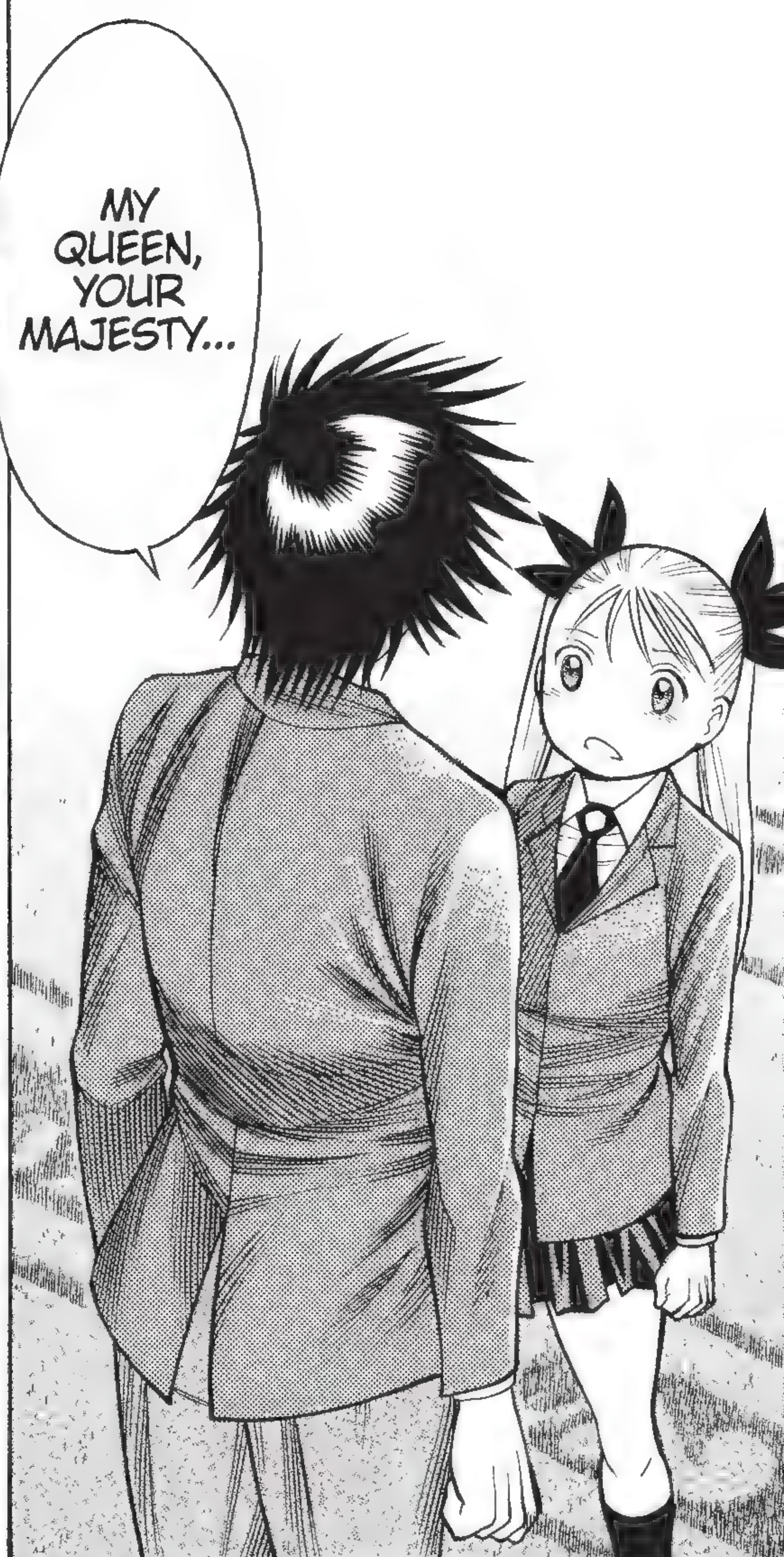


WHY  
WILL  
YOU NOT  
TAKE MY  
HAND?!  
AM I  
NOT  
WORTHY  
?!





THEN,  
AS  
YOUR  
QUEEN,  
I ASK  
YOU...



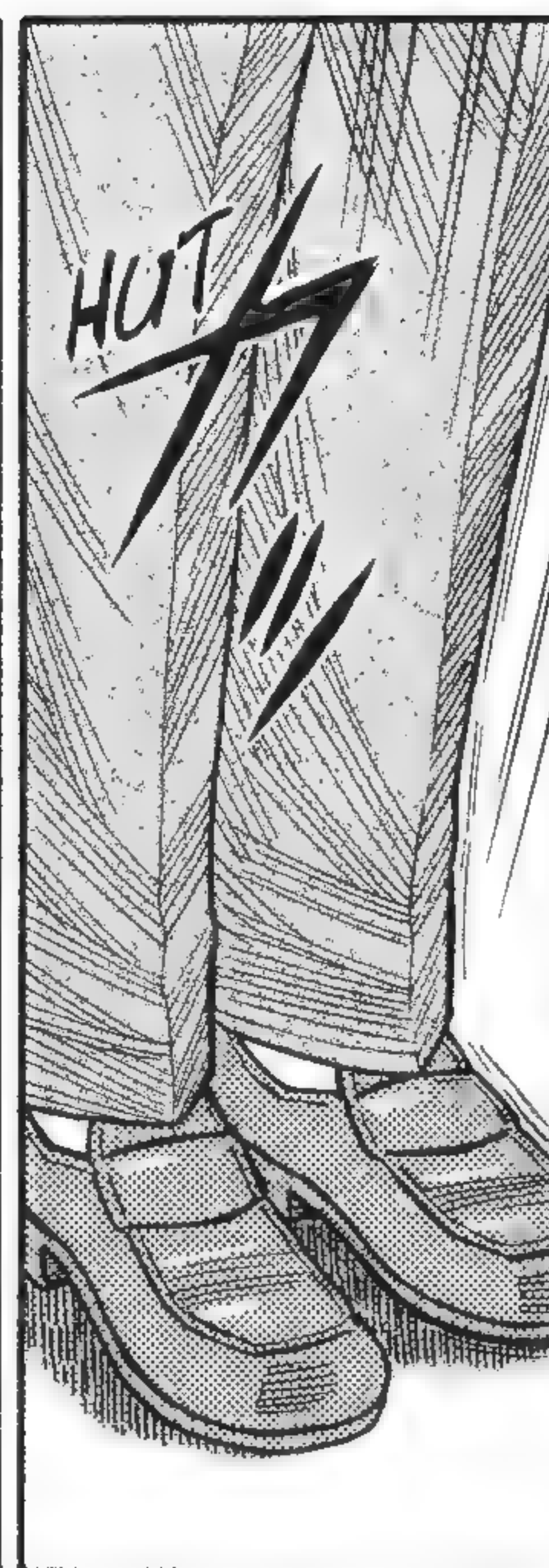
MY  
QUEEN,  
YOUR  
MAJESTY...



RIGHT  
HERE!  
RIGHT  
NOW!  
THAT  
IS AN  
ORDER  
!!

NO, I  
DEMAND  
THAT  
YOU  
TELL ME  
EVERY-  
THING!

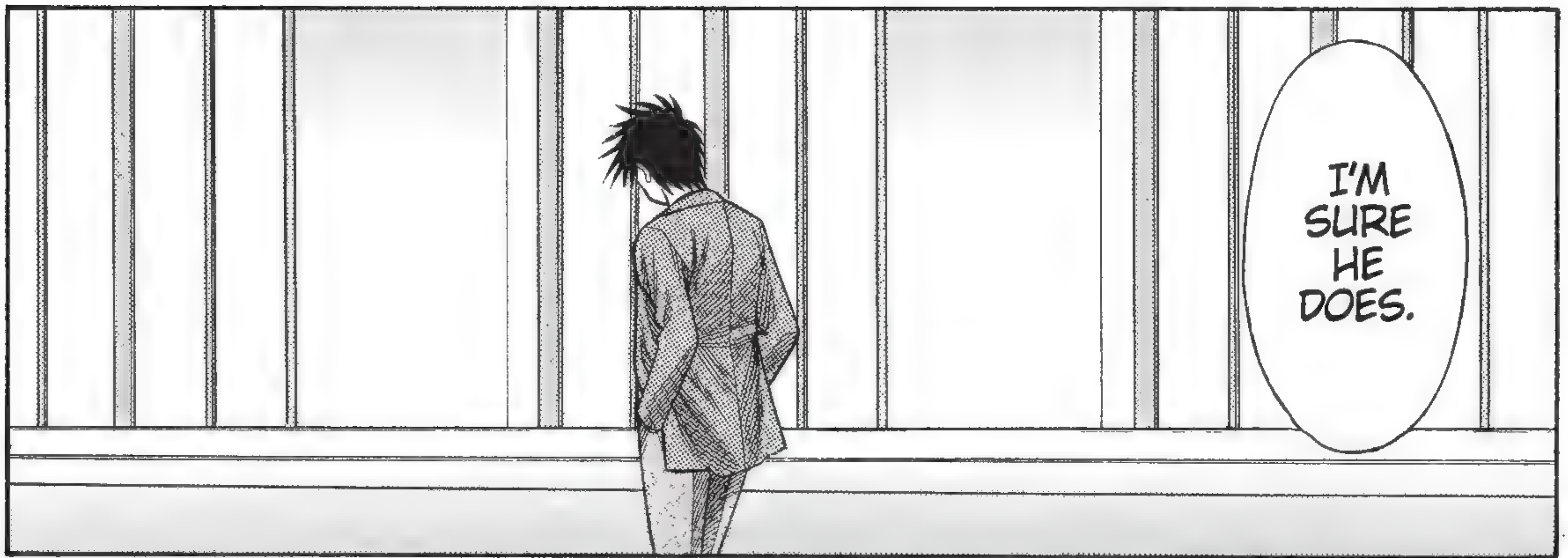




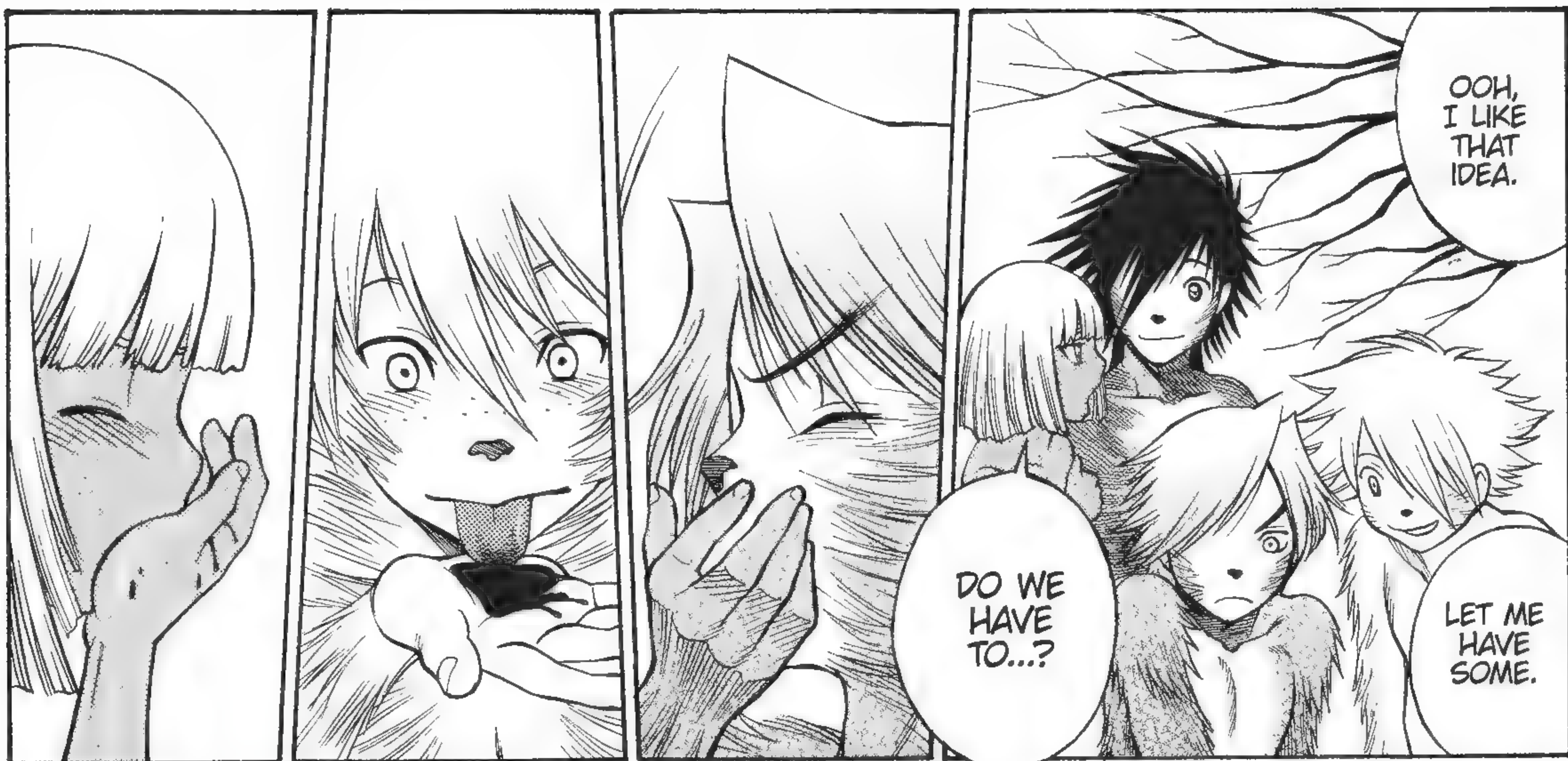




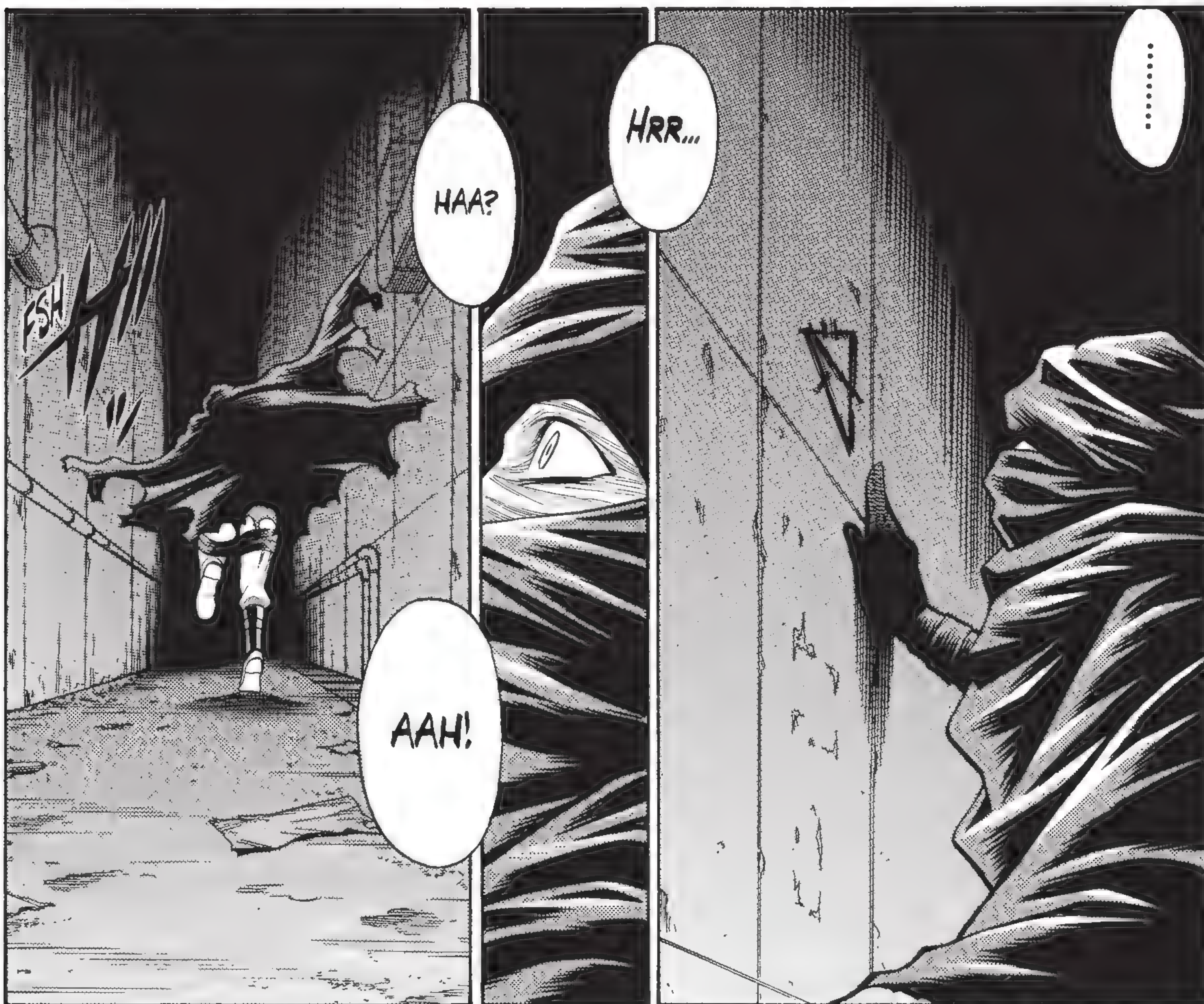
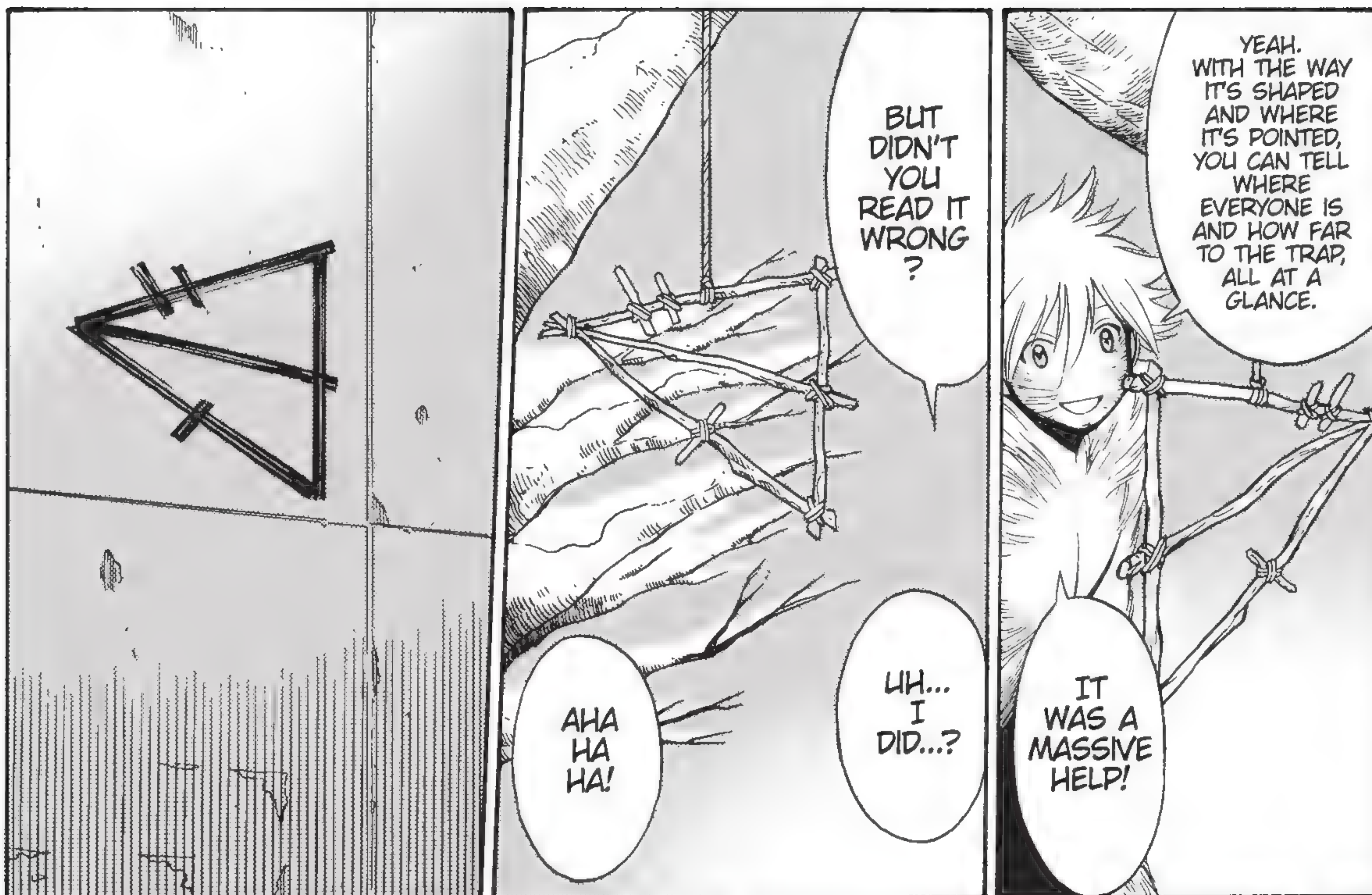




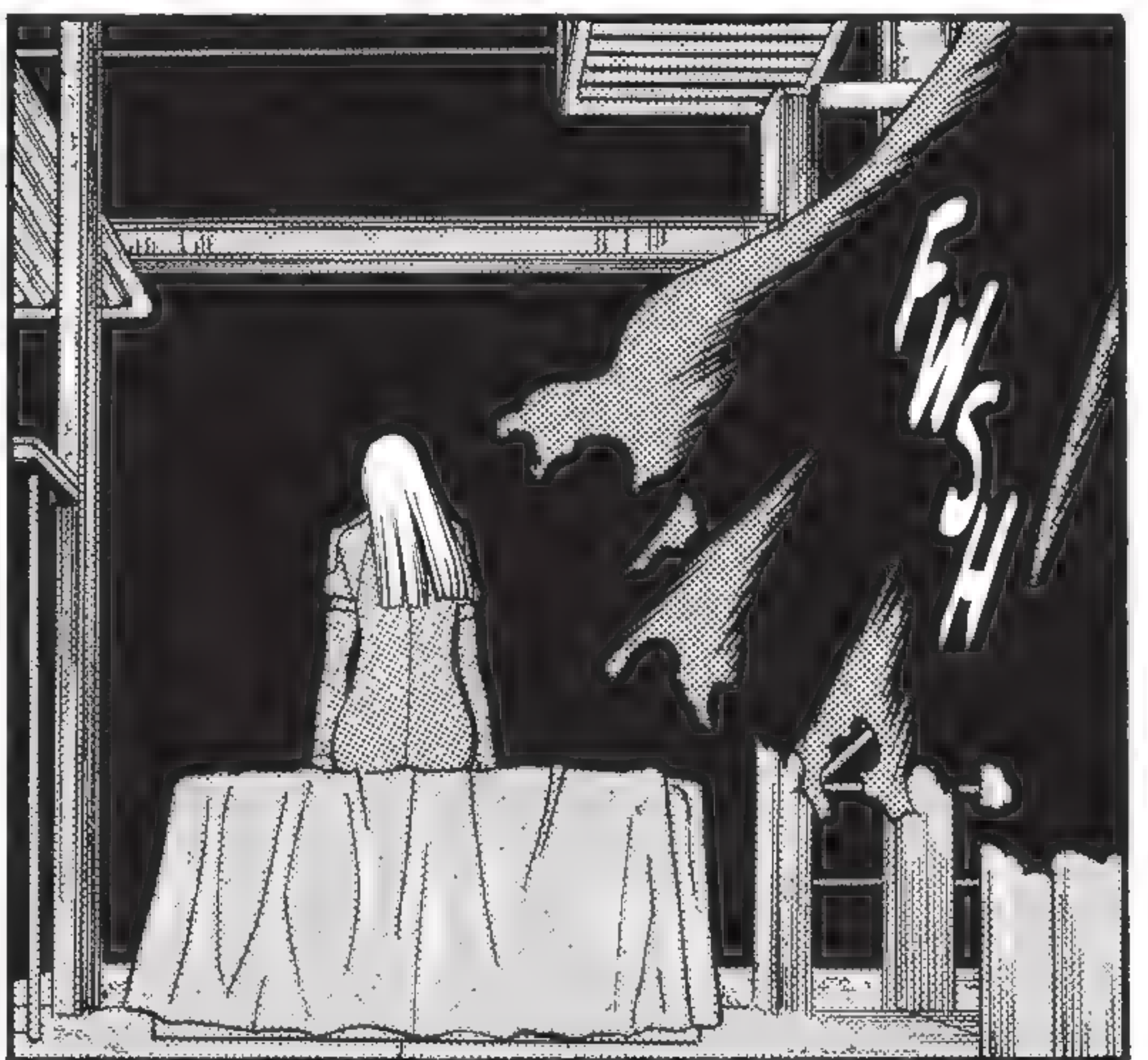
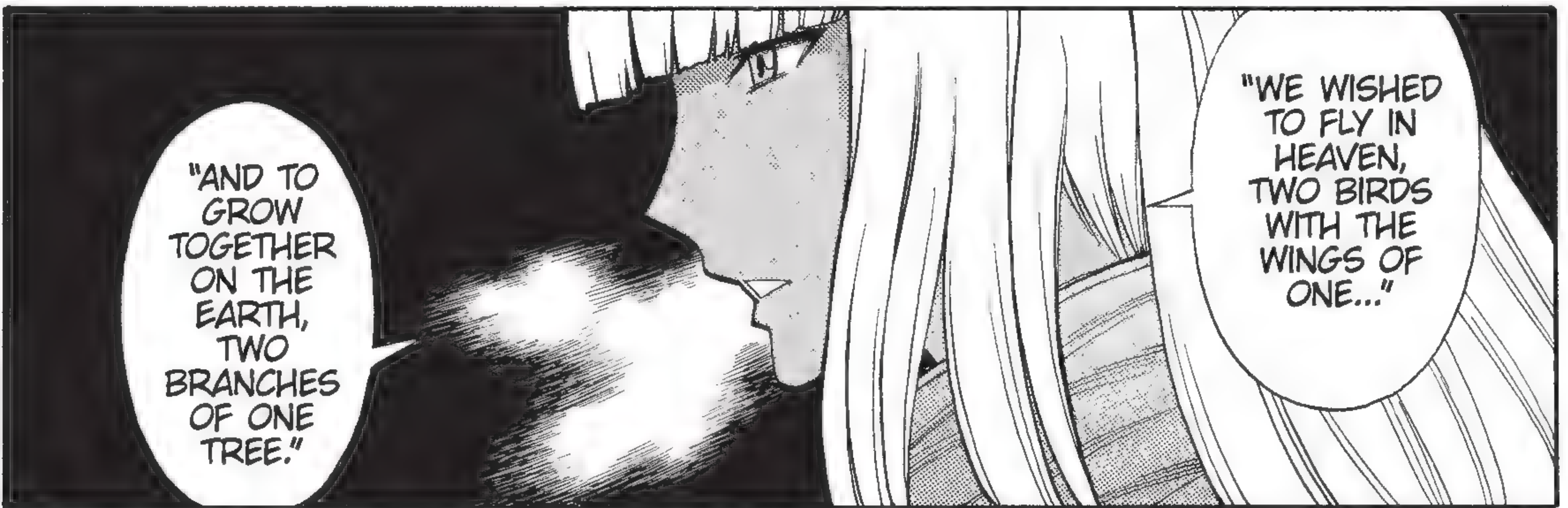
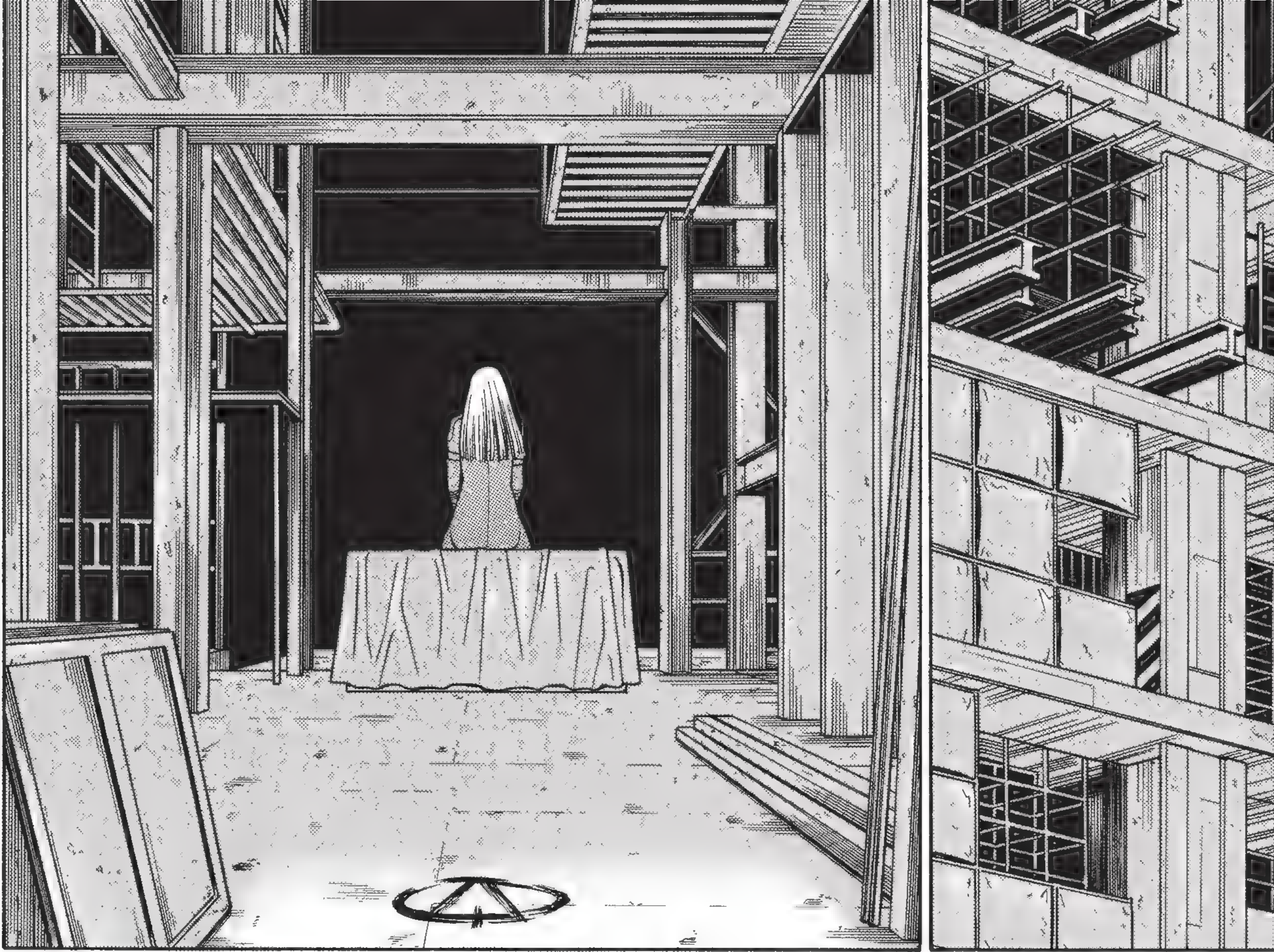
















AND YOU  
WERE  
ABLE TO  
READ  
AND  
FOLLOW  
IT.

THIS  
PROVES  
IT.

YOU  
SAW THE  
MARKER,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

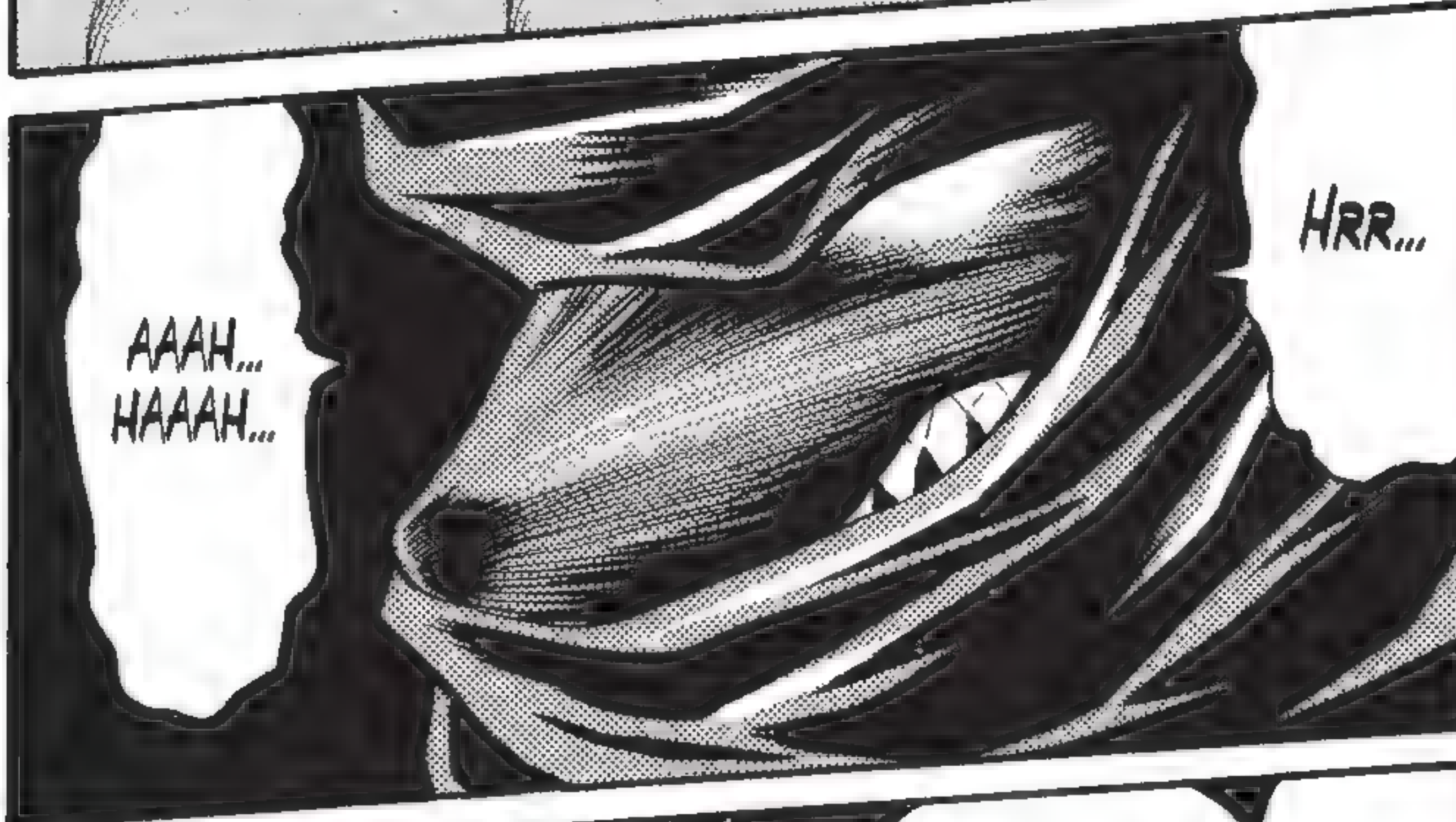




WE  
WERE  
FRIENDS!

IT'S  
ME...

ANGIE.  
DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
?



AAAH...  
HAAAAH...

HRR...



DON'T YOU  
REMEMBER  
HOW WE ALL  
HUDDLED  
TOGETHER  
LIKE THIS  
AND KEPT  
WARM THAT  
WINTER?

THINK.  
THINK  
HARD!



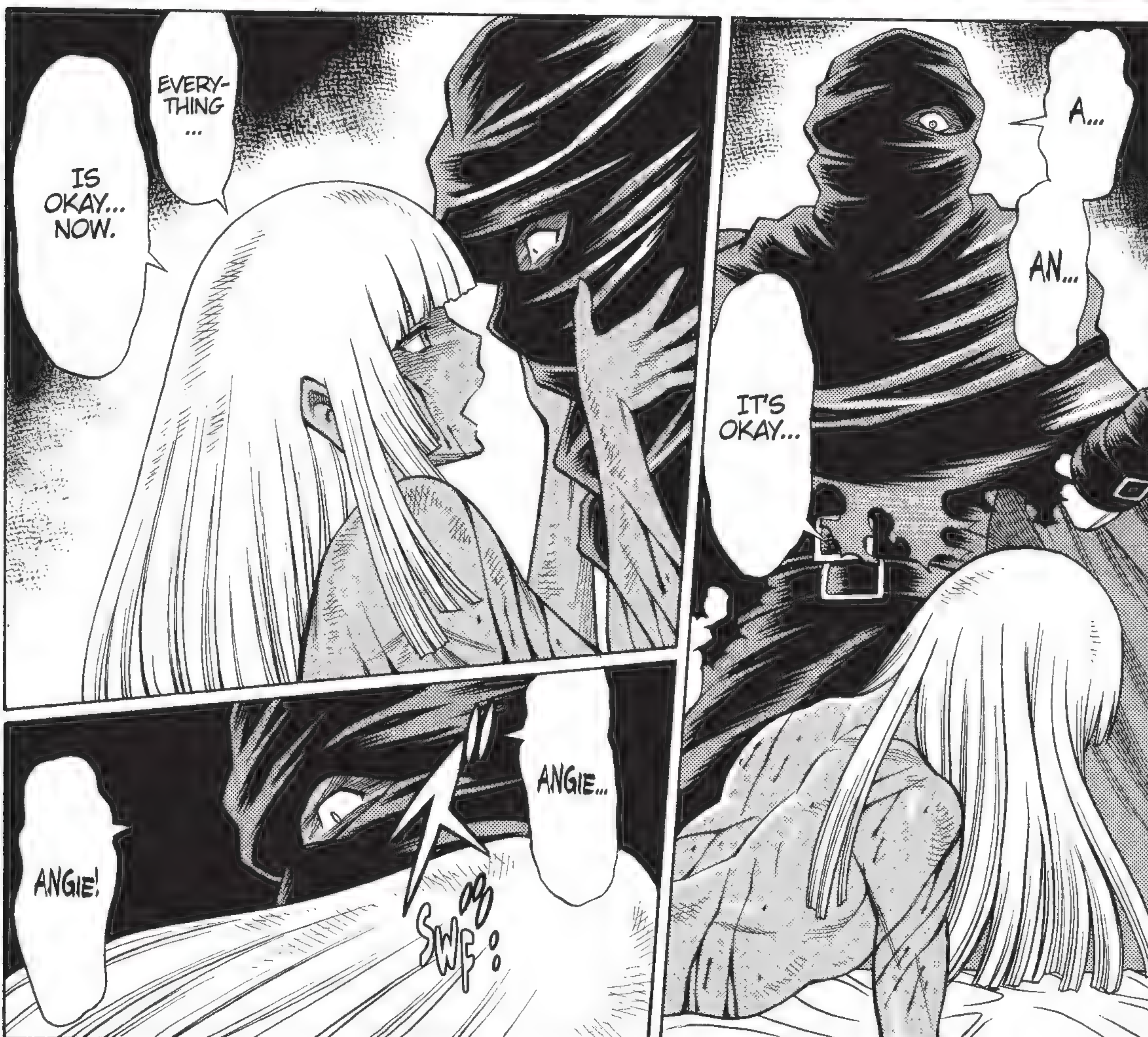




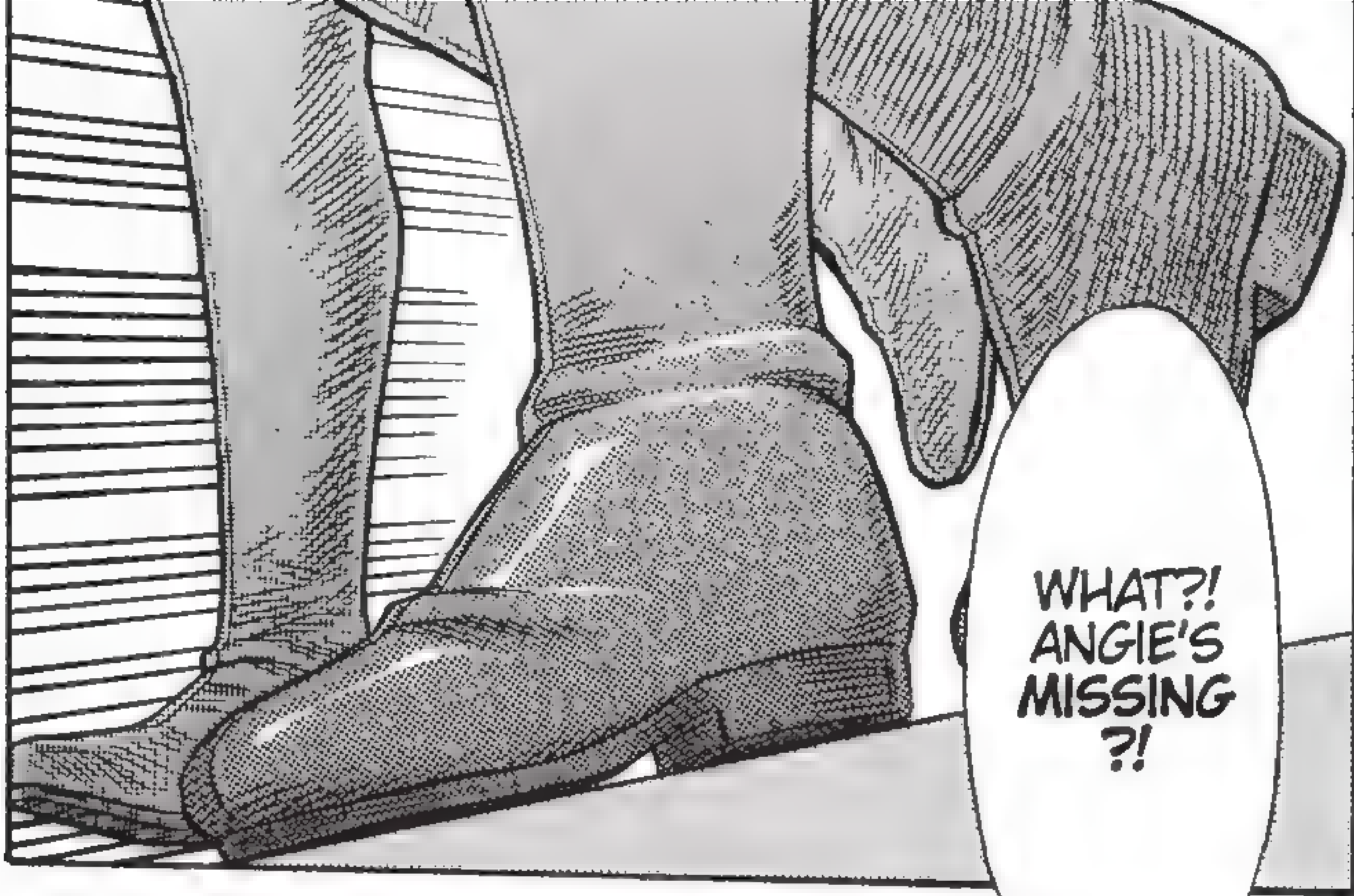












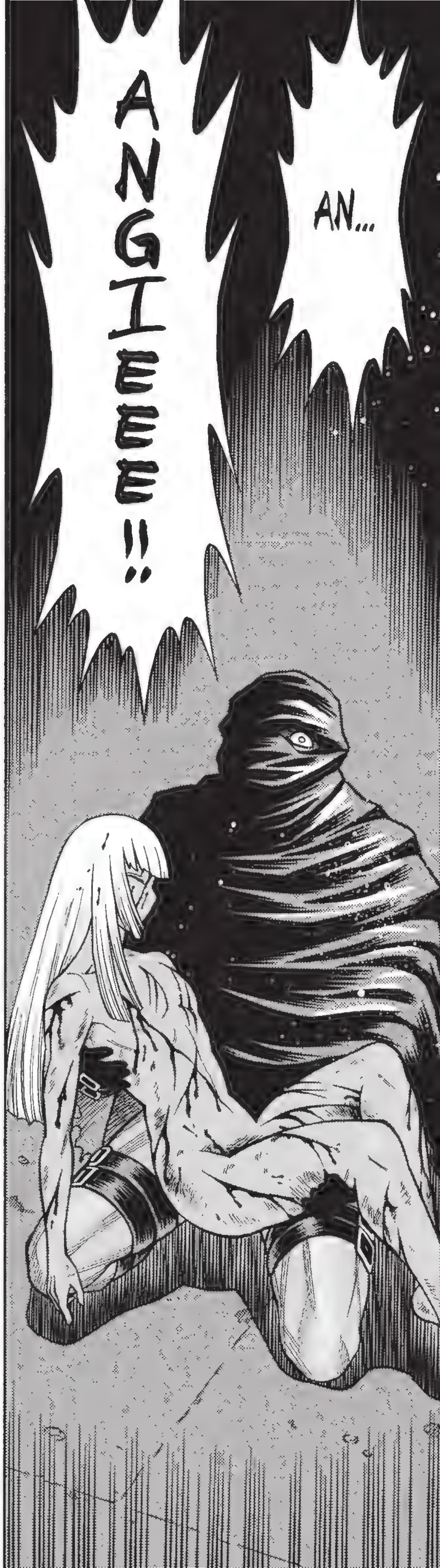
WHAT?!  
ANGIE'S  
MISSING  
?!



YES,  
DESPITE  
MY  
WARNINGS  
TO  
REFRAIN  
FROM  
SOLO  
WANDER-  
INGS.



I GOT  
THIS TEXT  
FROM HIM  
JUST A  
MOMENT  
AGO.



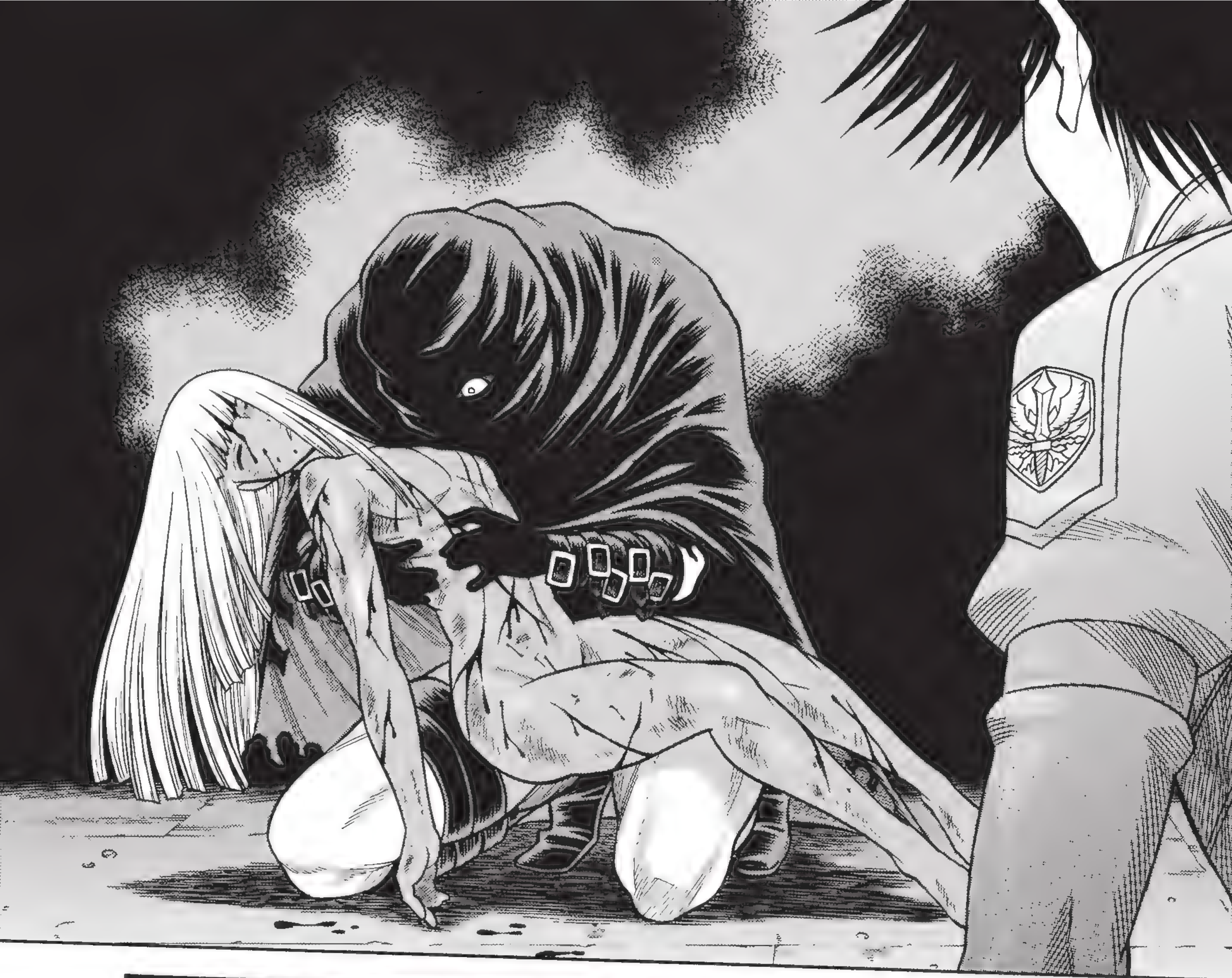
ANGIE!!!

AN...

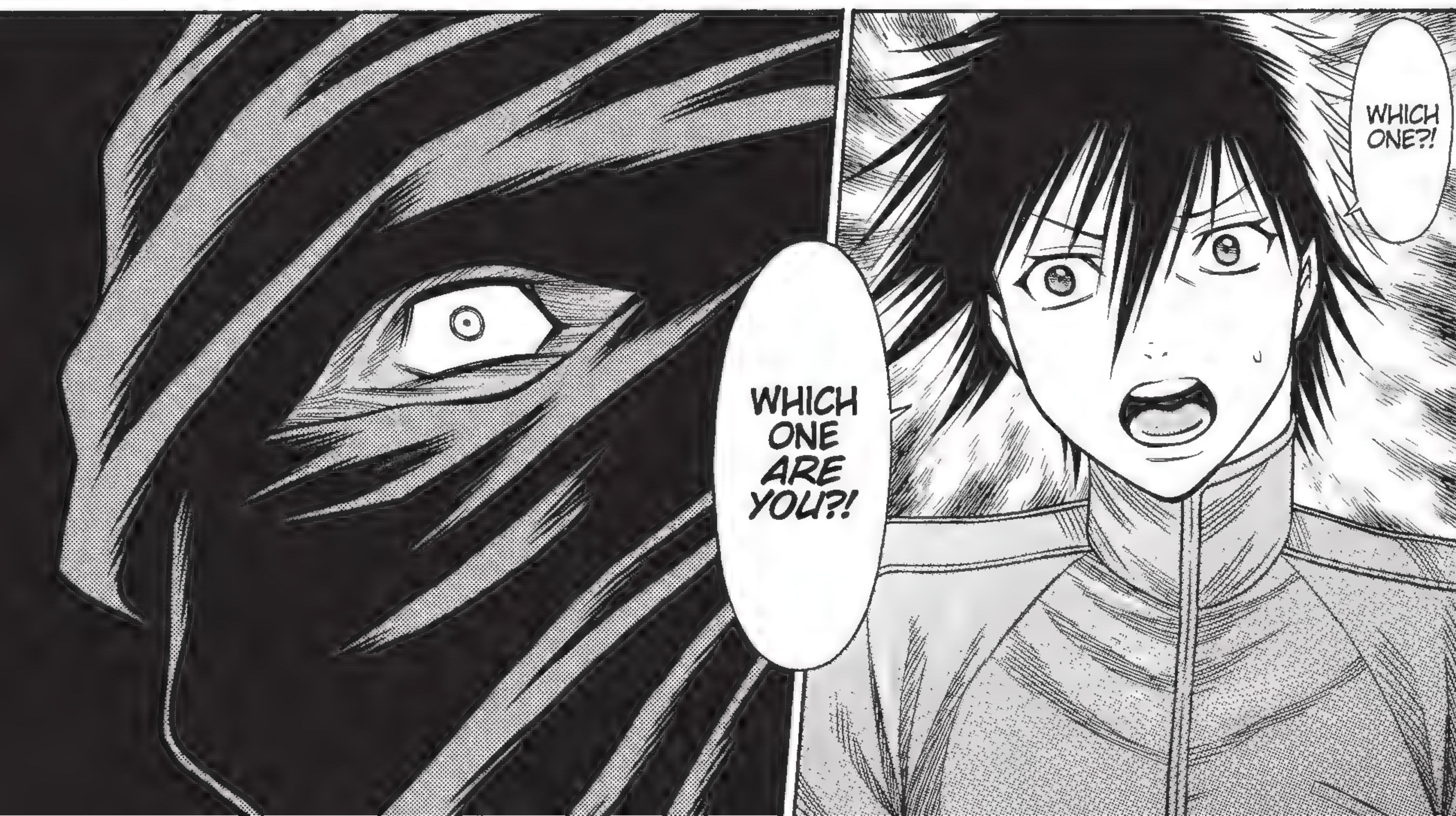




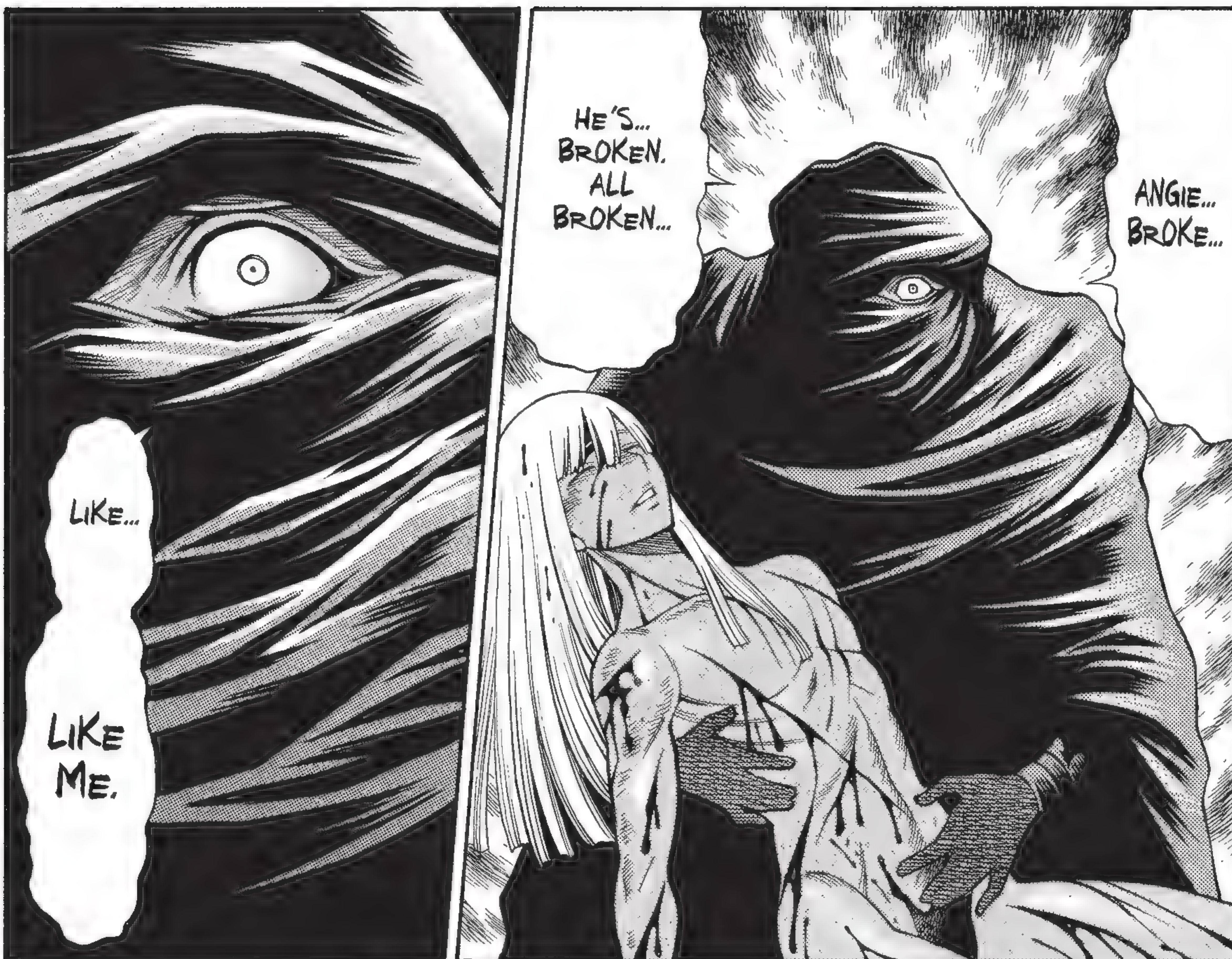












LIKE...

LIKE  
ME.

HE'S...  
BROKEN.  
ALL  
BROKEN...

ANGIE...  
BROKE...

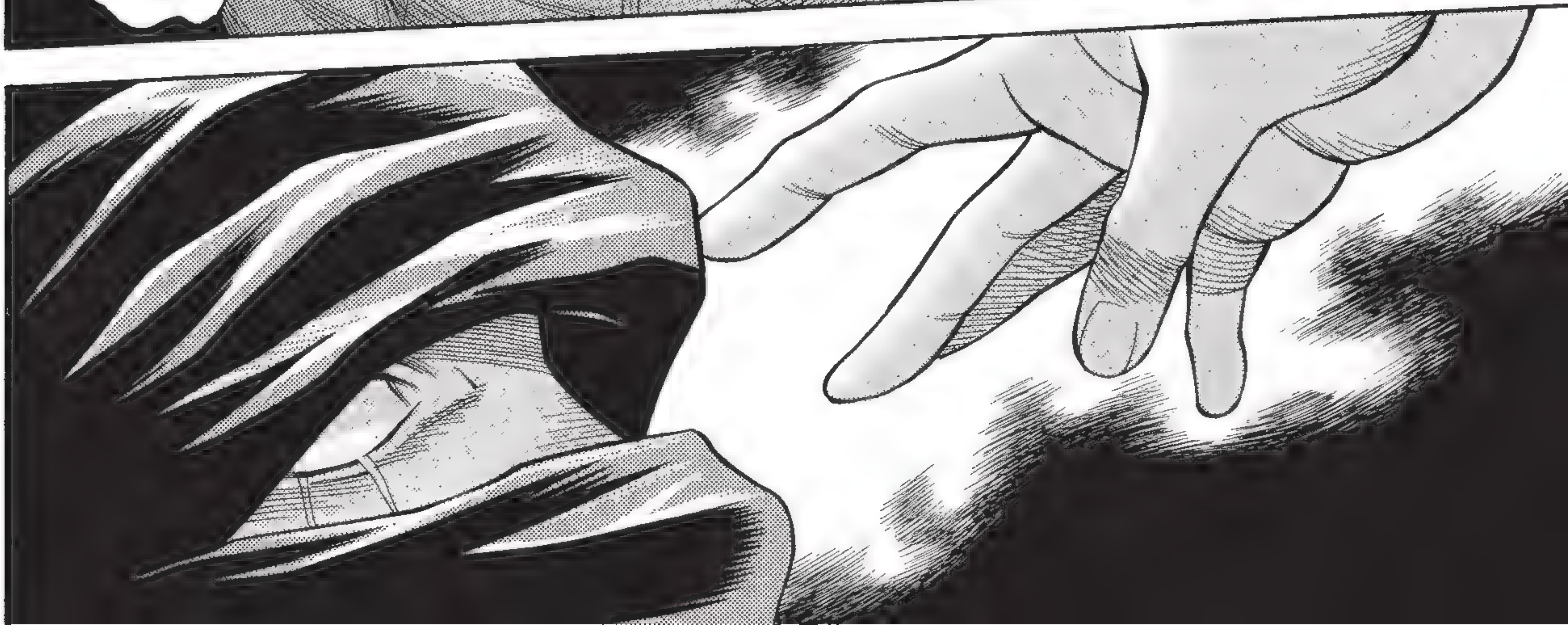


GRA-  
HAM?

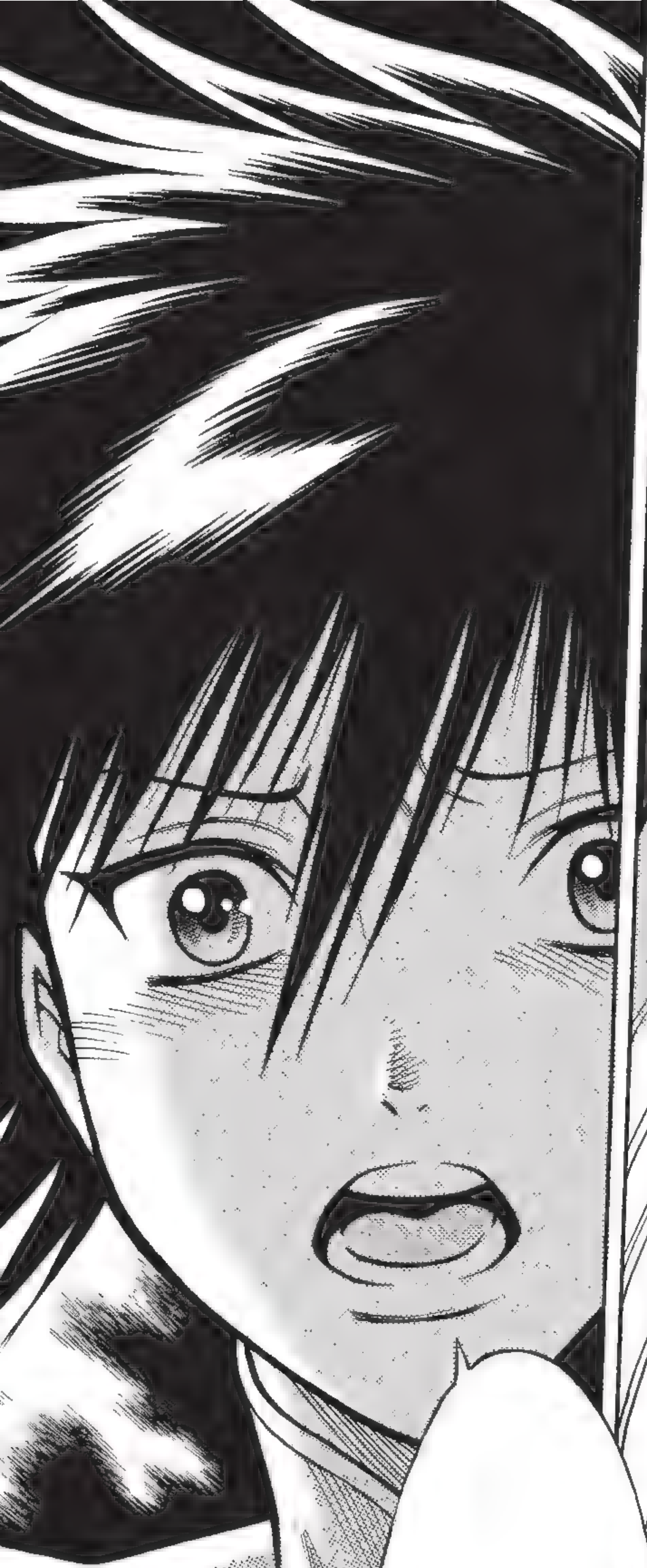
GRA-  
HAM,  
IS  
THAT  
YOU?!

GET  
BACK  
!!

AKIRA?!  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING?!





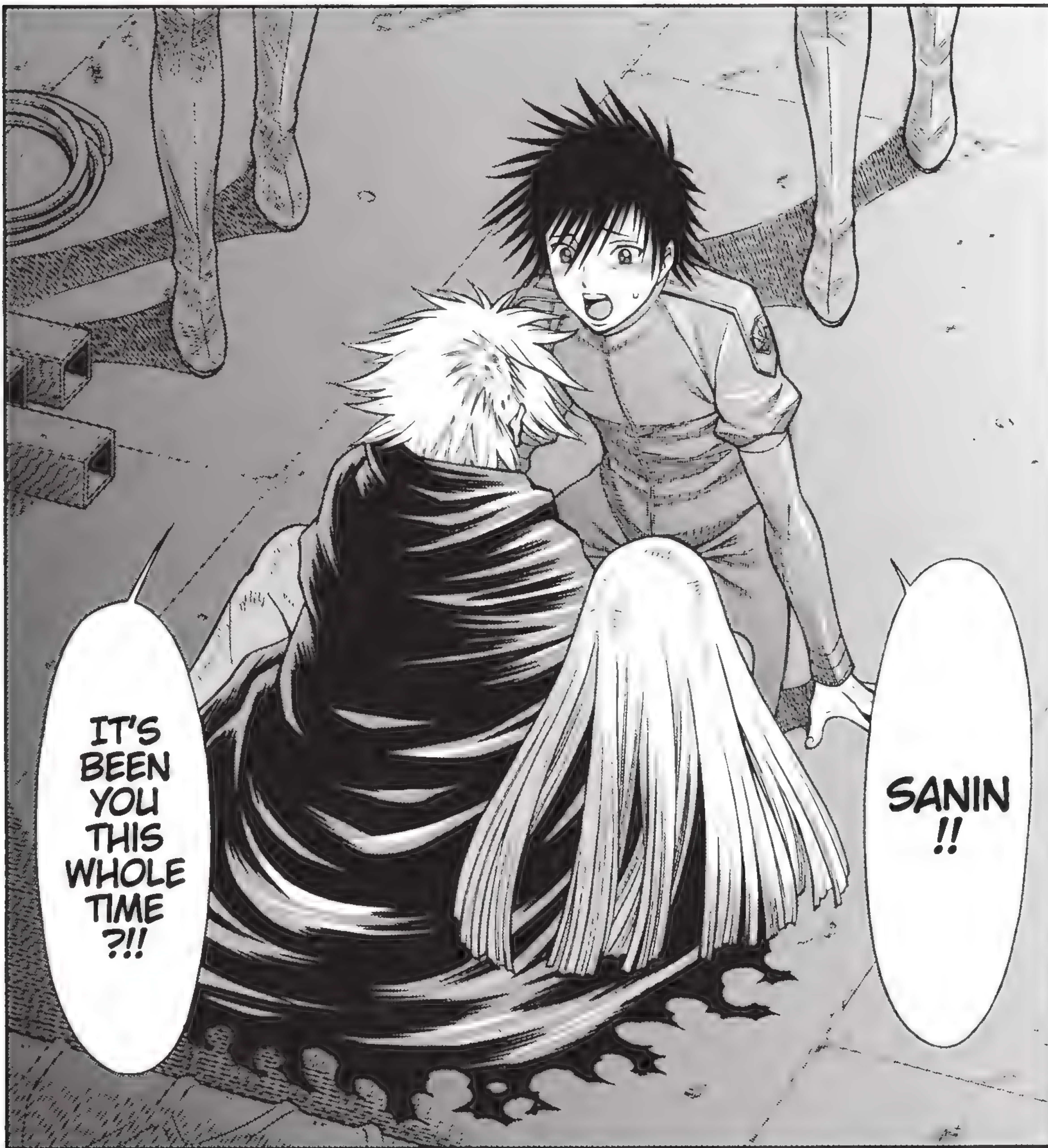
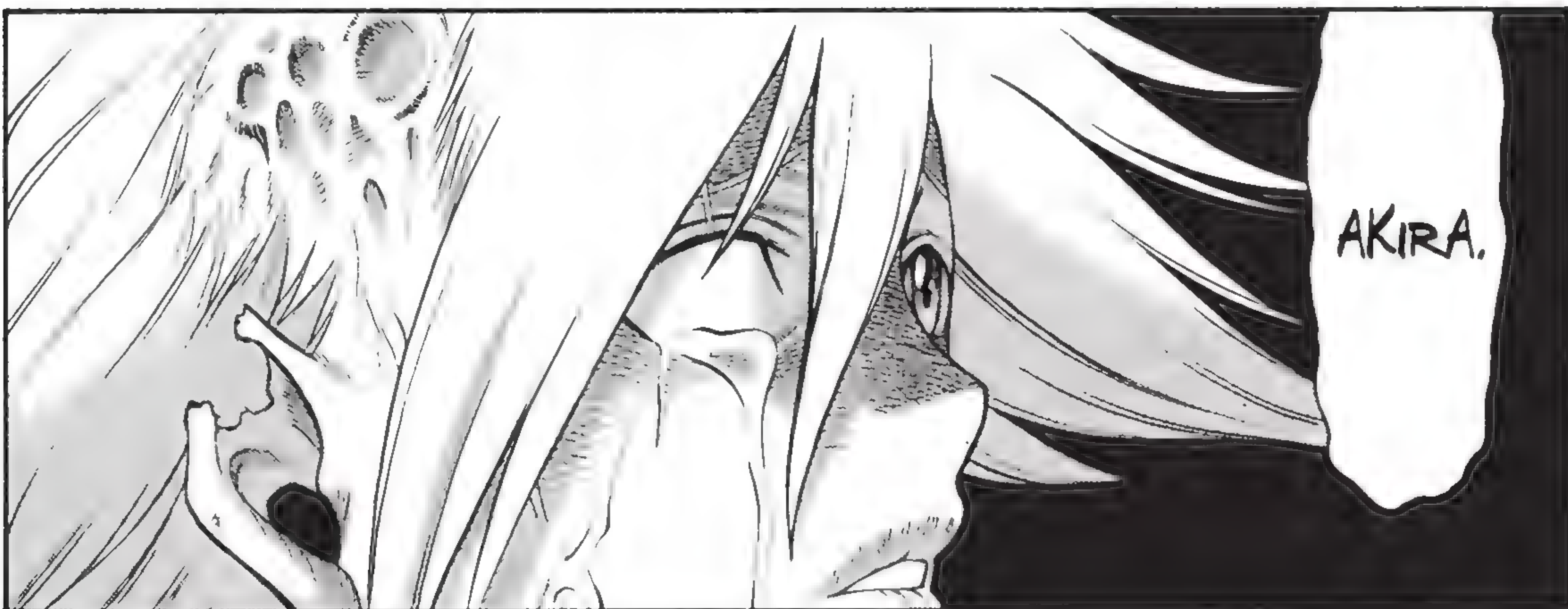


OH MY  
GOD.  
SANIN...

IT'S  
YOU.





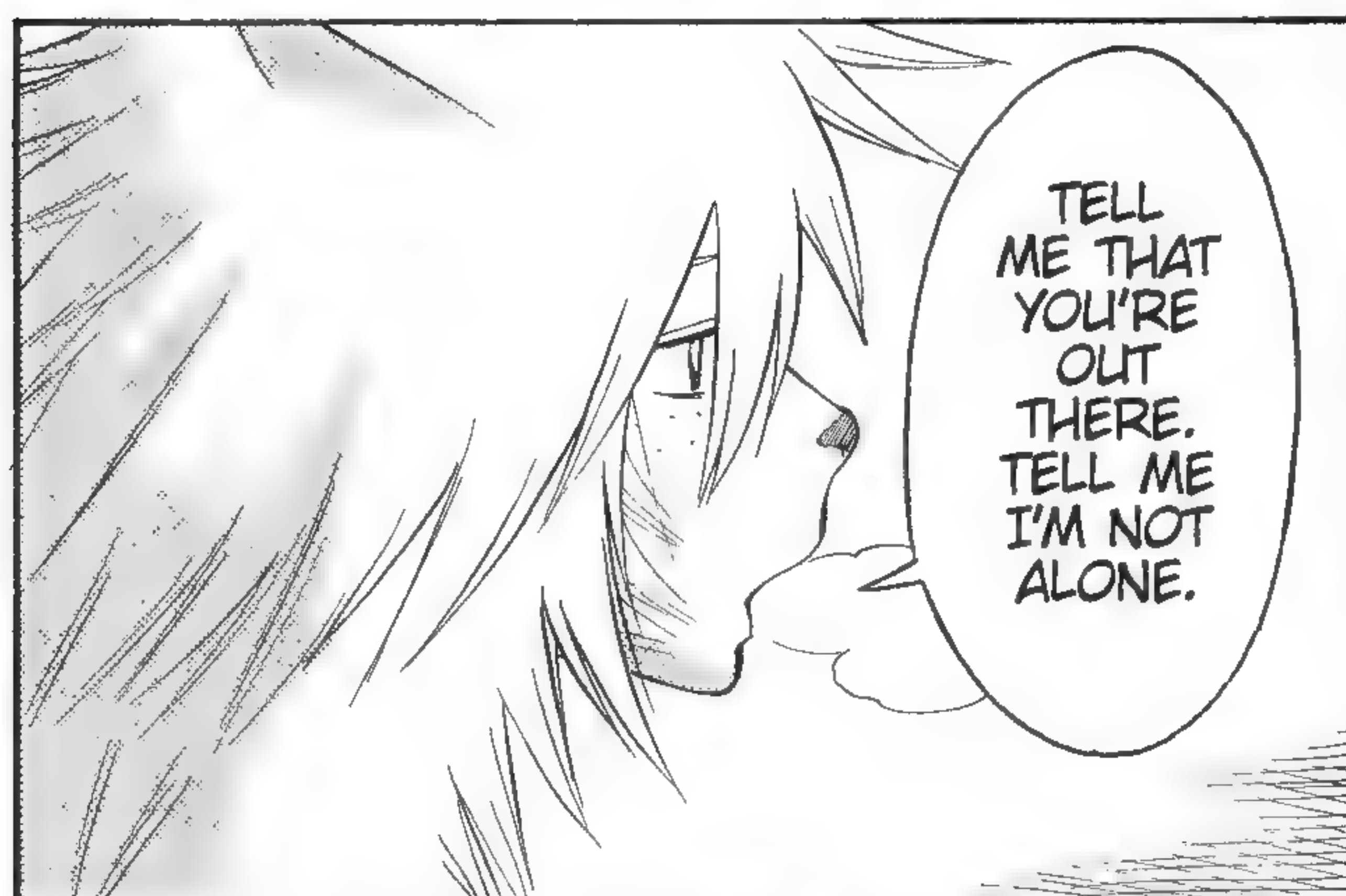






ONE COLD  
ECHO,  
DRIFTING  
O'ER THE  
WOODS.

ONE LITTLE  
WOLF,  
HOWLING  
AT THE  
MOON.



TELL  
ME THAT  
YOU'RE  
OUT  
THERE.  
TELL ME  
I'M NOT  
ALONE.



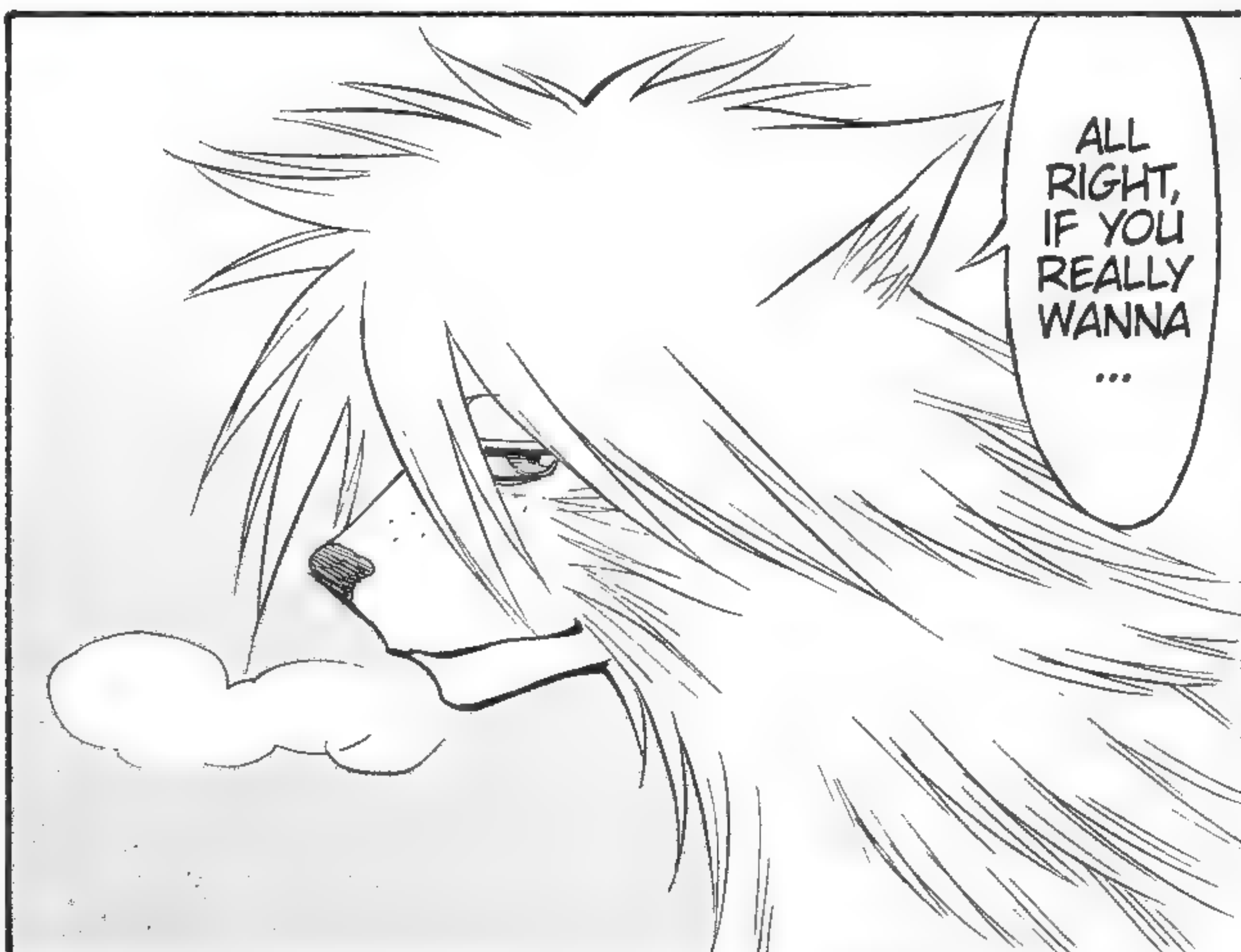
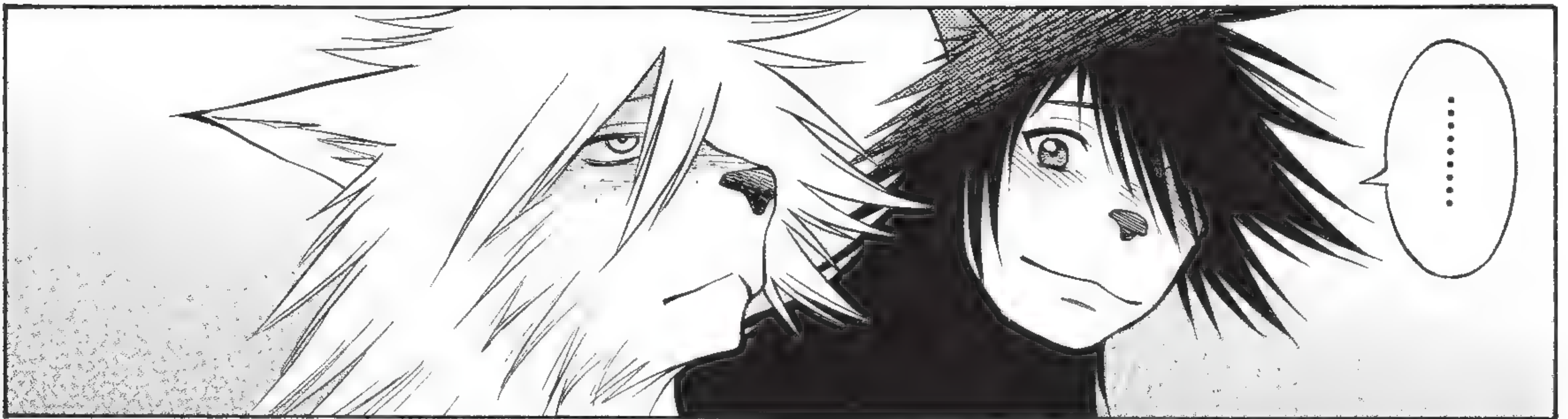
SOMEBODY  
PLEASE...  
ANYBODY  
PLEASE...

CAN YOU  
HEAR MY  
VOICE?  
CAN YOU  
HEAR ME  
CALLING?




THAT  
SONG  
DOESN'T  
REALLY  
SUIT  
YOU,  
Y'KNOW.







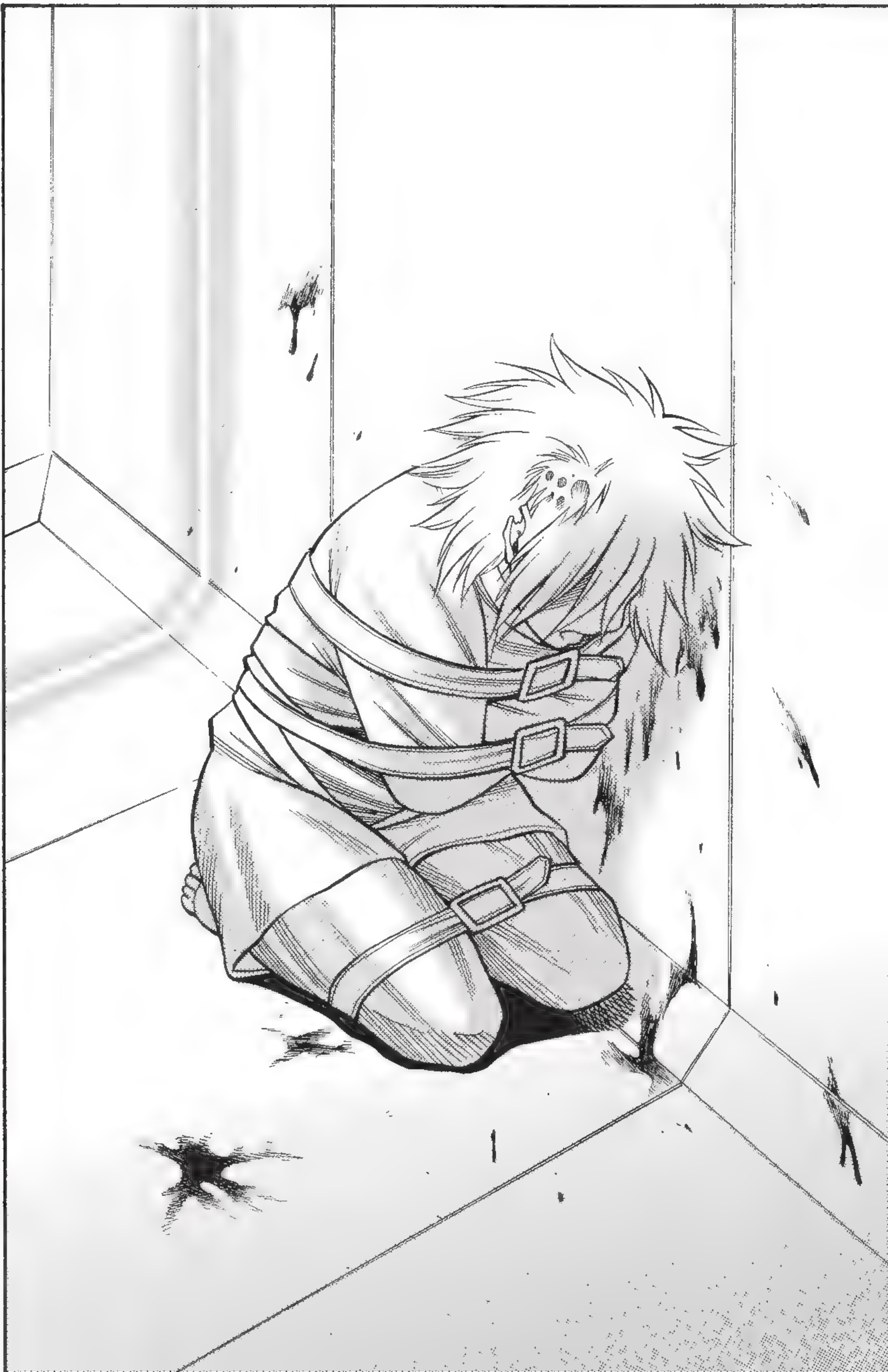
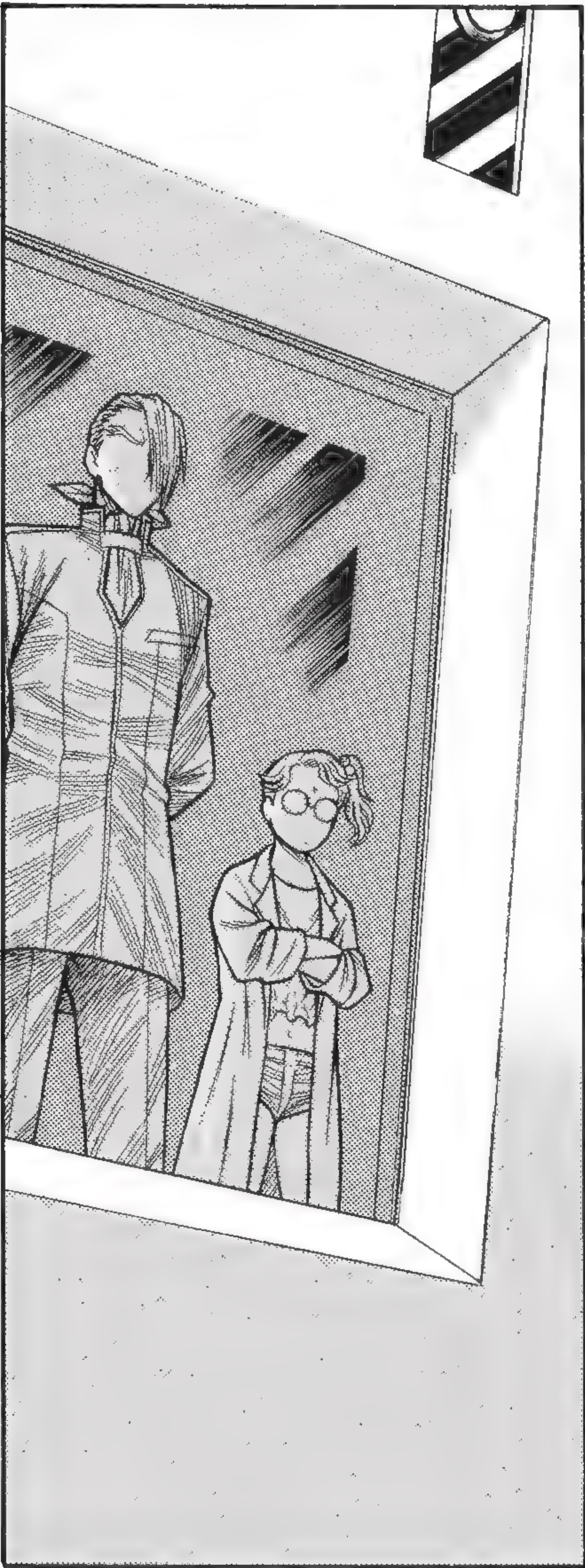
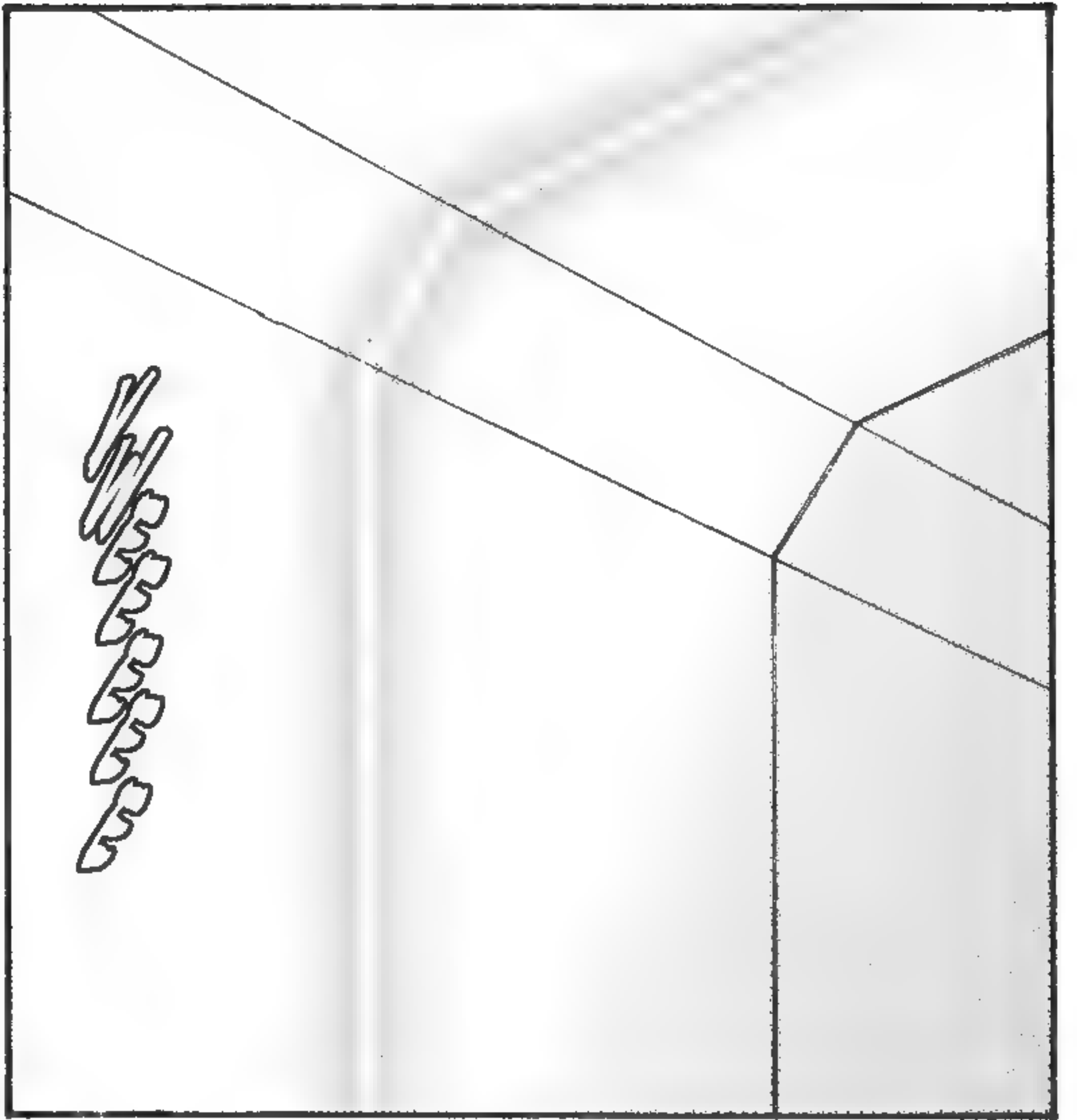
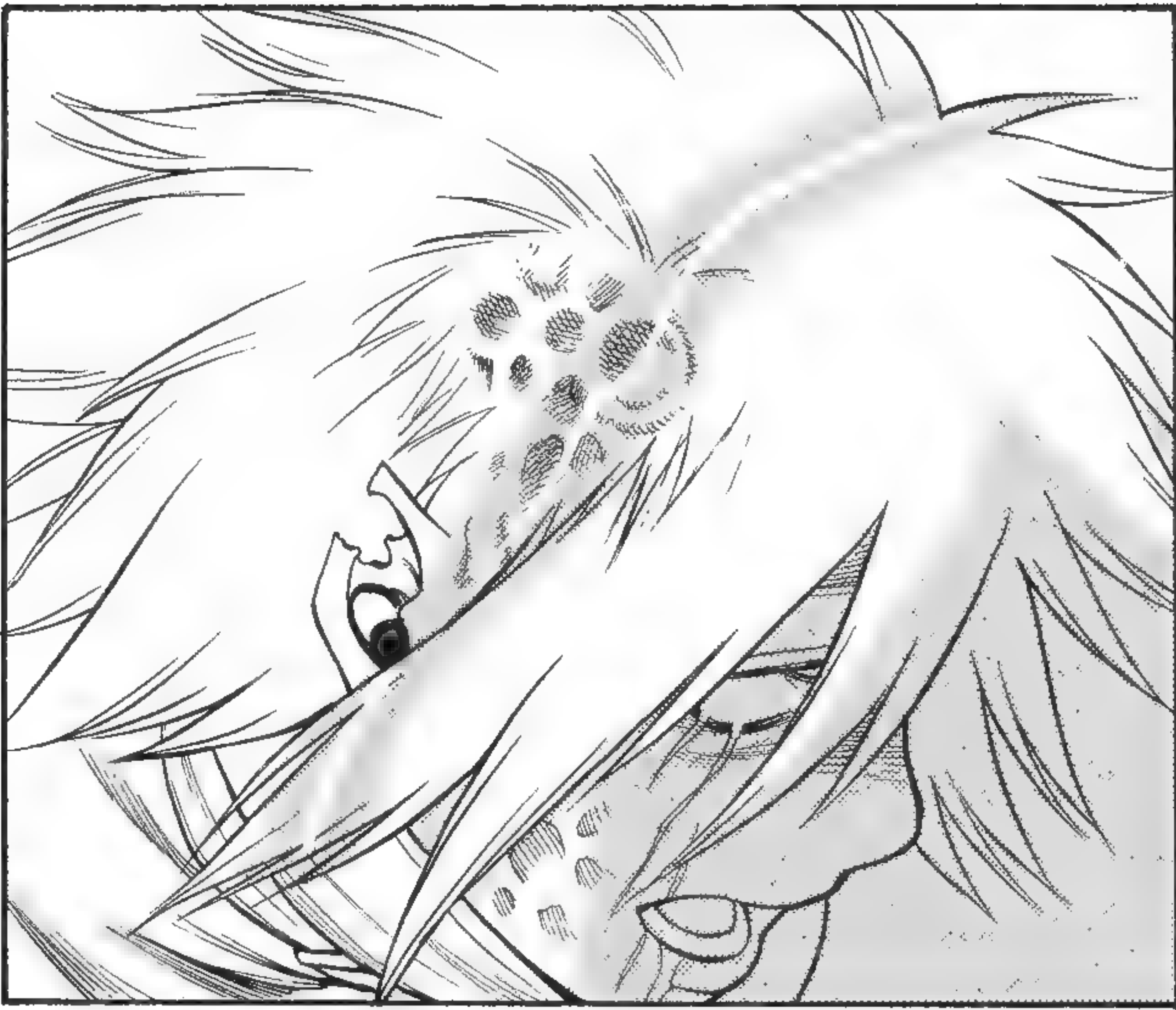
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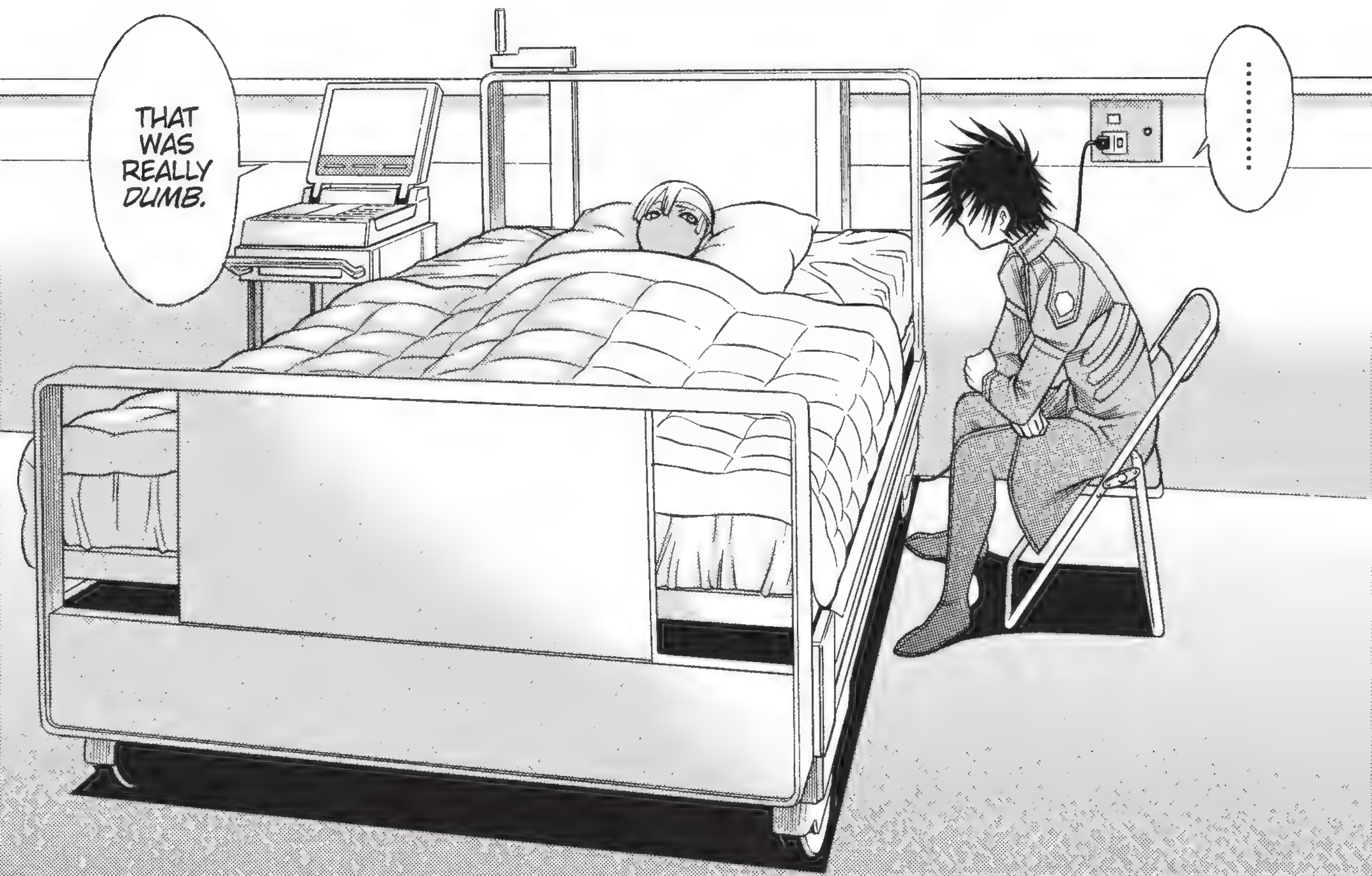
HAH!  
THAT'S  
WHAT YOU  
THINK!  
I'M FINALLY  
GONNA WIN  
TODAY!  
I CAN  
FEEL IT!!

WE'LL  
SEE IF  
WE CAN'T  
EXTEND  
THAT  
LOSING  
STREAK  
OF  
YOURS!













IF I'D  
NEVER  
MET  
HIME-SAN  
AT ALL...



IF...

IF I COULD  
MAKE IT  
SO ALL  
THAT SHIT  
NEVER  
HAPPENED...



IF HE  
WAS  
STILL  
ALIVE...









AND WHO YOU DID IT FOR!

SHE NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT YOU DID!

YOU SHOULD TELL HER MAJESTY.

SHE SHOULD KNOW WHY YOU GO THROUGH EVERY DAY UP TO YOUR ELBOWS IN BLOOD!!

ANGIE!!



HE CRUSHED SANIN'S SKULL AND TOSSED HIM OVER THE EDGE OF A CLIFF!

IT WAS A BITTER-COLD DAY RIGHT NEAR THE END OF OUR ORDEAL!

IF AKIRA HADN'T SHOWN UP WHEN HE DID--!

OUT OF NOWHERE, GRAHAM SUDDENLY SNAPPED! HE ATTACKED SANIN RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!!



CHASED  
HIM  
DOWN  
AND--

BUT  
GRAHAM  
RAN,  
AND AKIRA  
CHASED  
HIM  
DOWN!

SHUT  
UP!!

WAIT!

PLEASE.

SHUT  
UP AL-  
READY!  
DON'T  
...

JUST  
DON'T.

AKIRA?!





WHAT  
...?!



YOU HAVE  
A DUTY  
TO LISTEN  
TO THIS,  
YOUR  
MAJESTY.



I'M  
NOT  
FIN-  
ISHED  
YET.

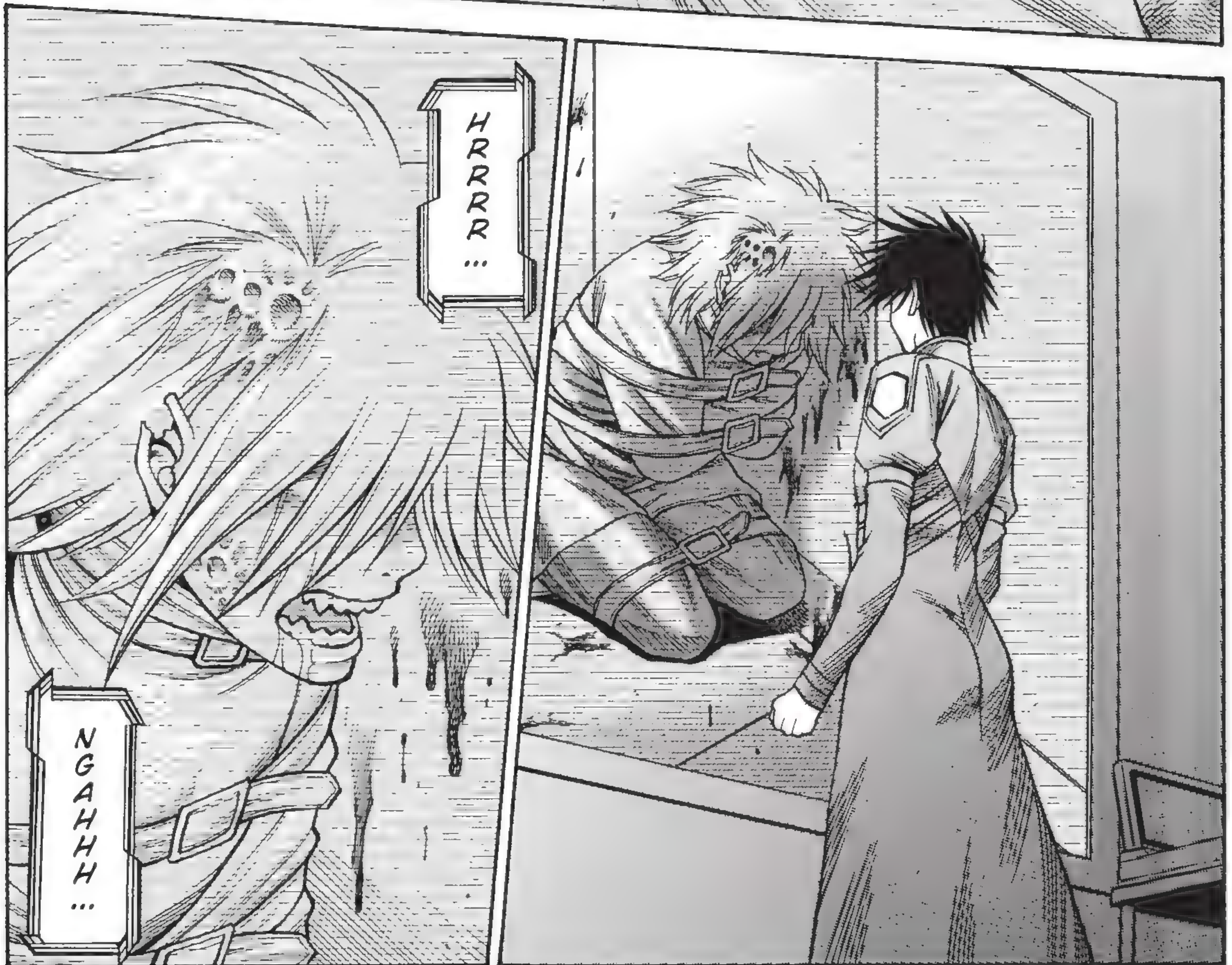
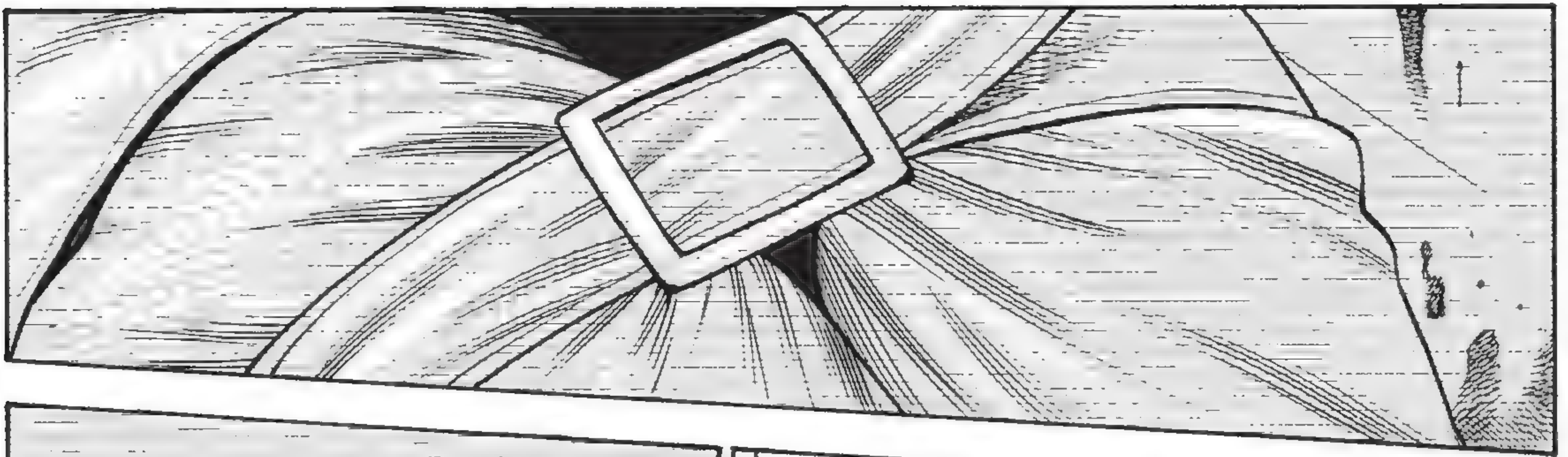


I SHALL  
CONTINUE  
FROM  
HERE.



ENOUGH,  
ANGIE!

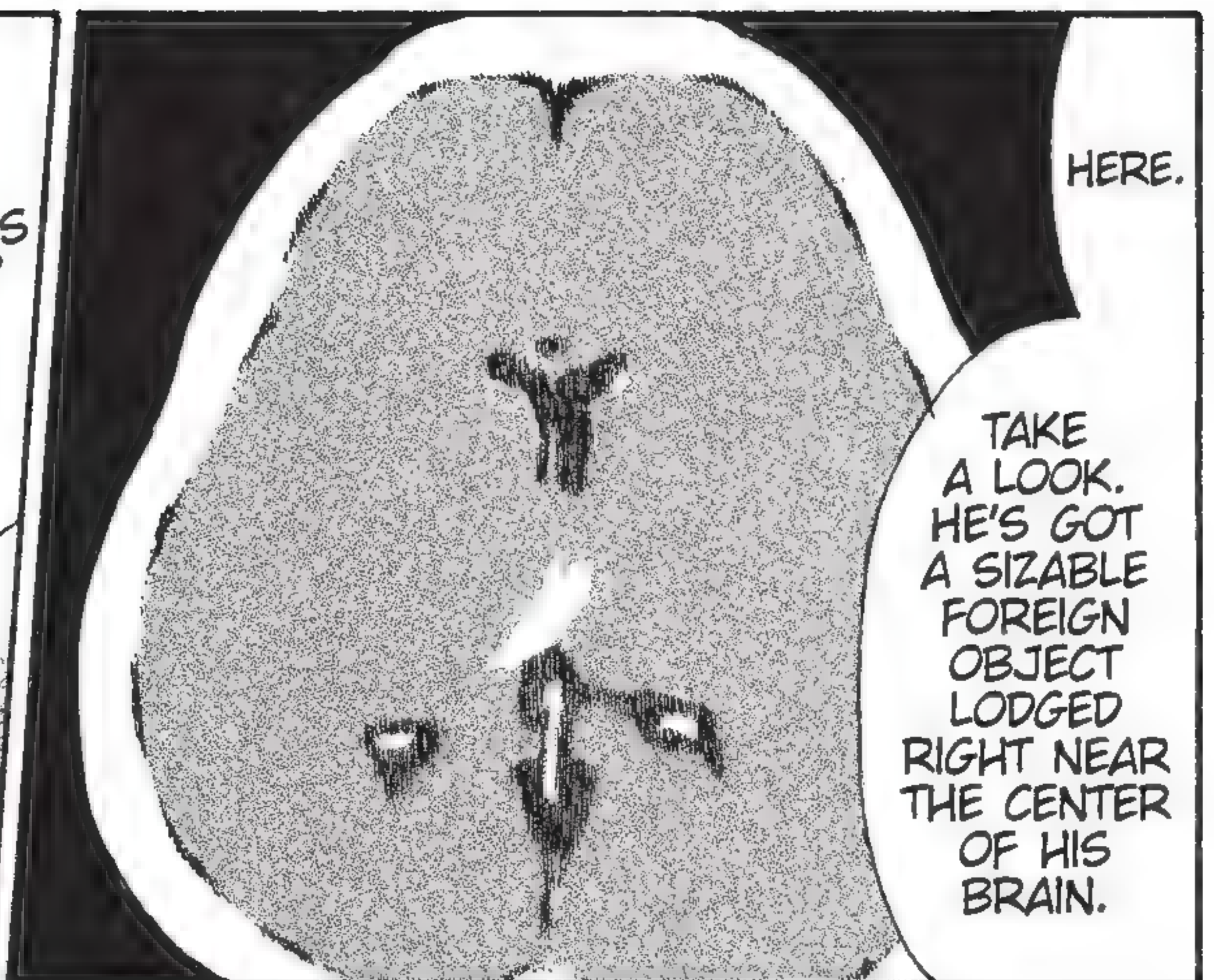






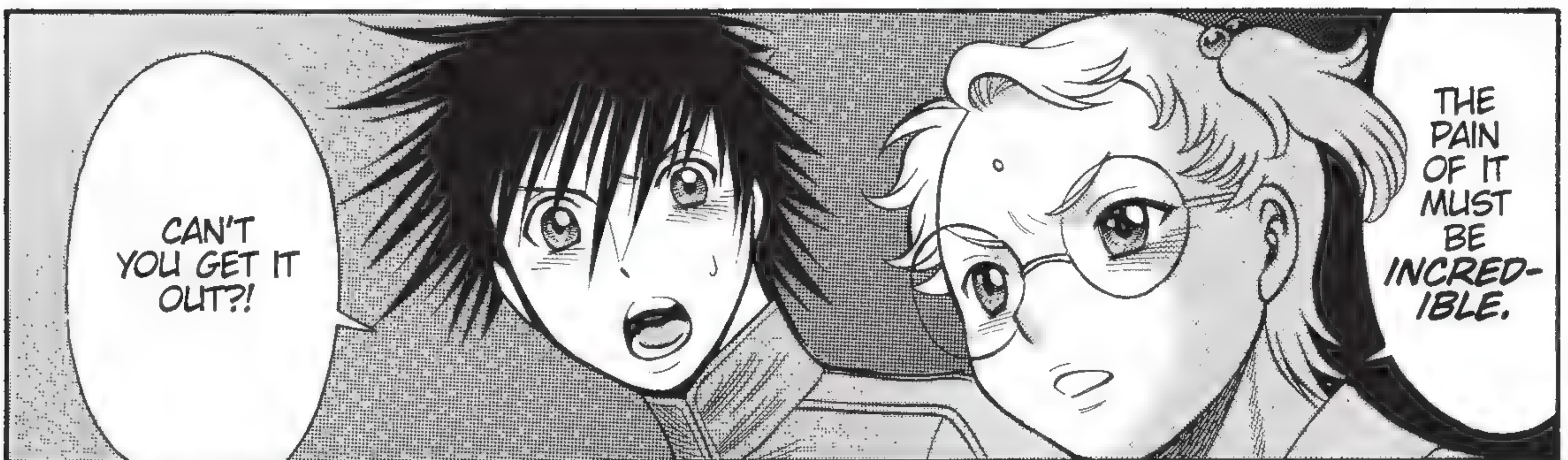


GRAHAM'S  
FANG...?



HERE.

TAKE  
A LOOK.  
HE'S GOT  
A SIZABLE  
FOREIGN  
OBJECT  
LODGED  
RIGHT NEAR  
THE CENTER  
OF HIS  
BRAIN.



CAN'T  
YOU GET IT  
OUT?!

THE  
PAIN  
OF IT  
MUST  
BE  
INCRED-  
IBLE.



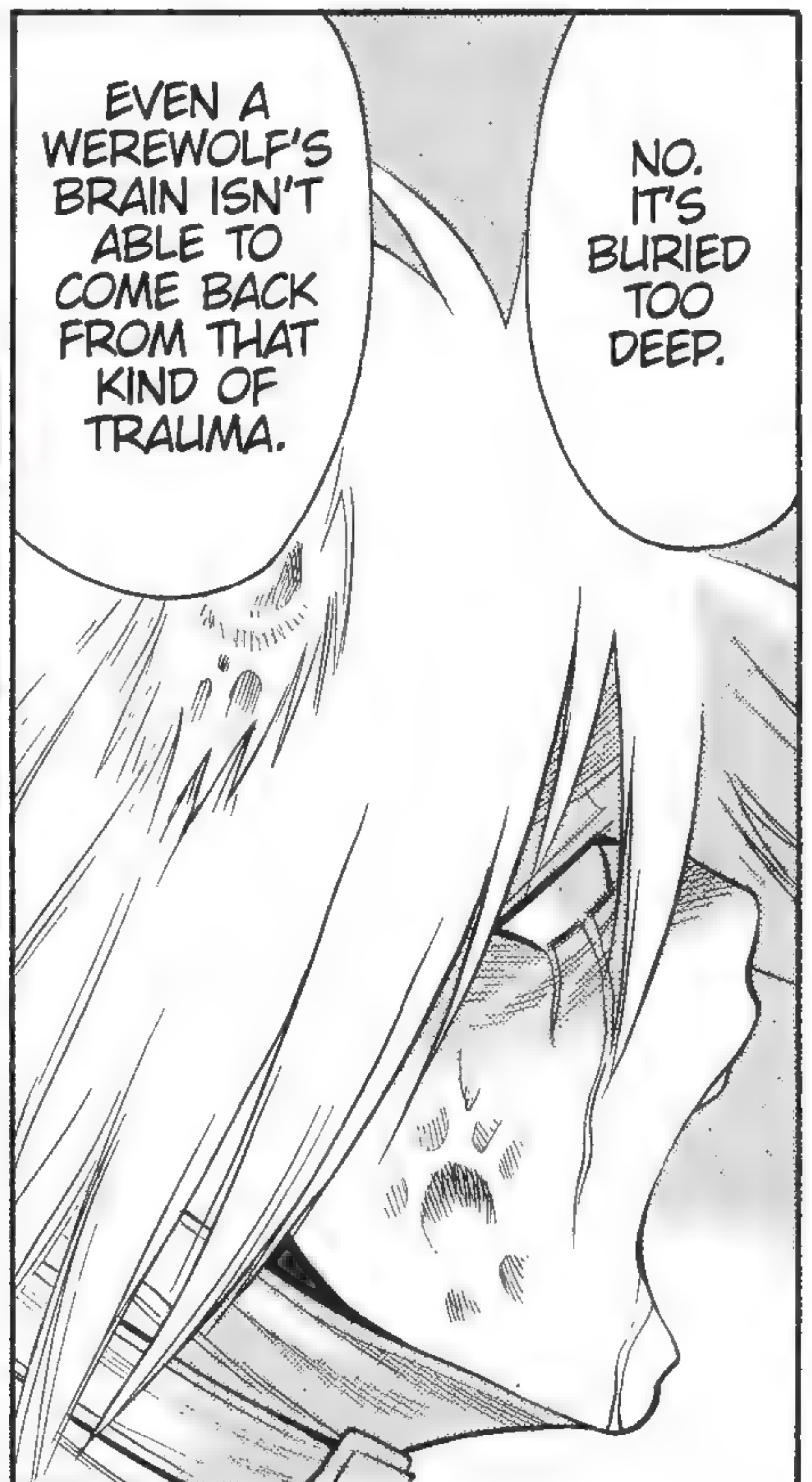
PILES OF  
THEM WERE  
FOUND IN  
WHAT WE  
BELIEVE  
TO BE HIS  
LAIR.

SEE  
THIS ?



THEN  
...

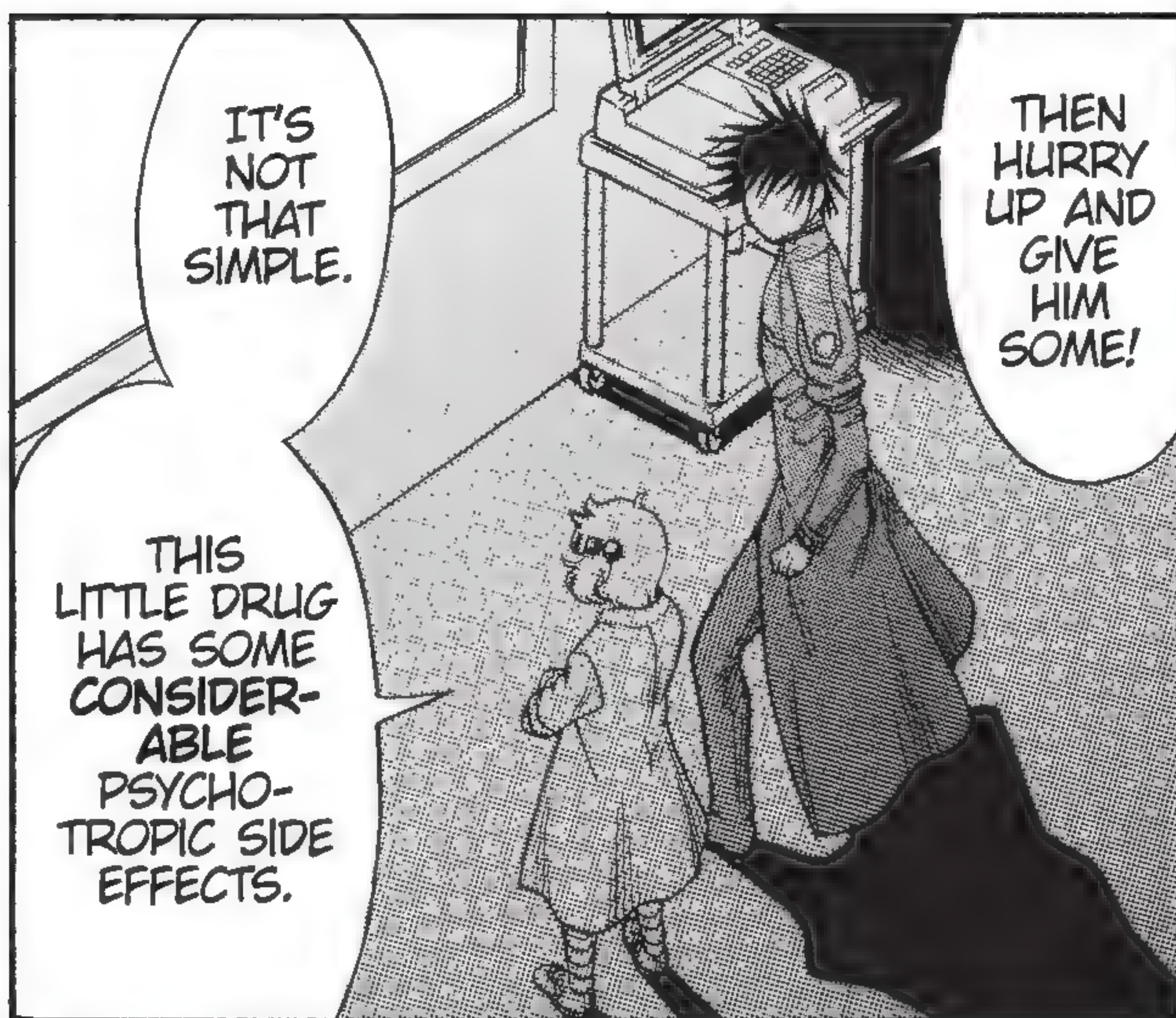
HE'S  
STUCK  
LIKE  
THAT?  
FOR-  
EVER?



EVEN A  
WEREWOLF'S  
BRAIN ISN'T  
ABLE TO  
COME BACK  
FROM THAT  
KIND OF  
TRAUMA.

NO.  
IT'S  
BURIED  
TOO  
DEEP.

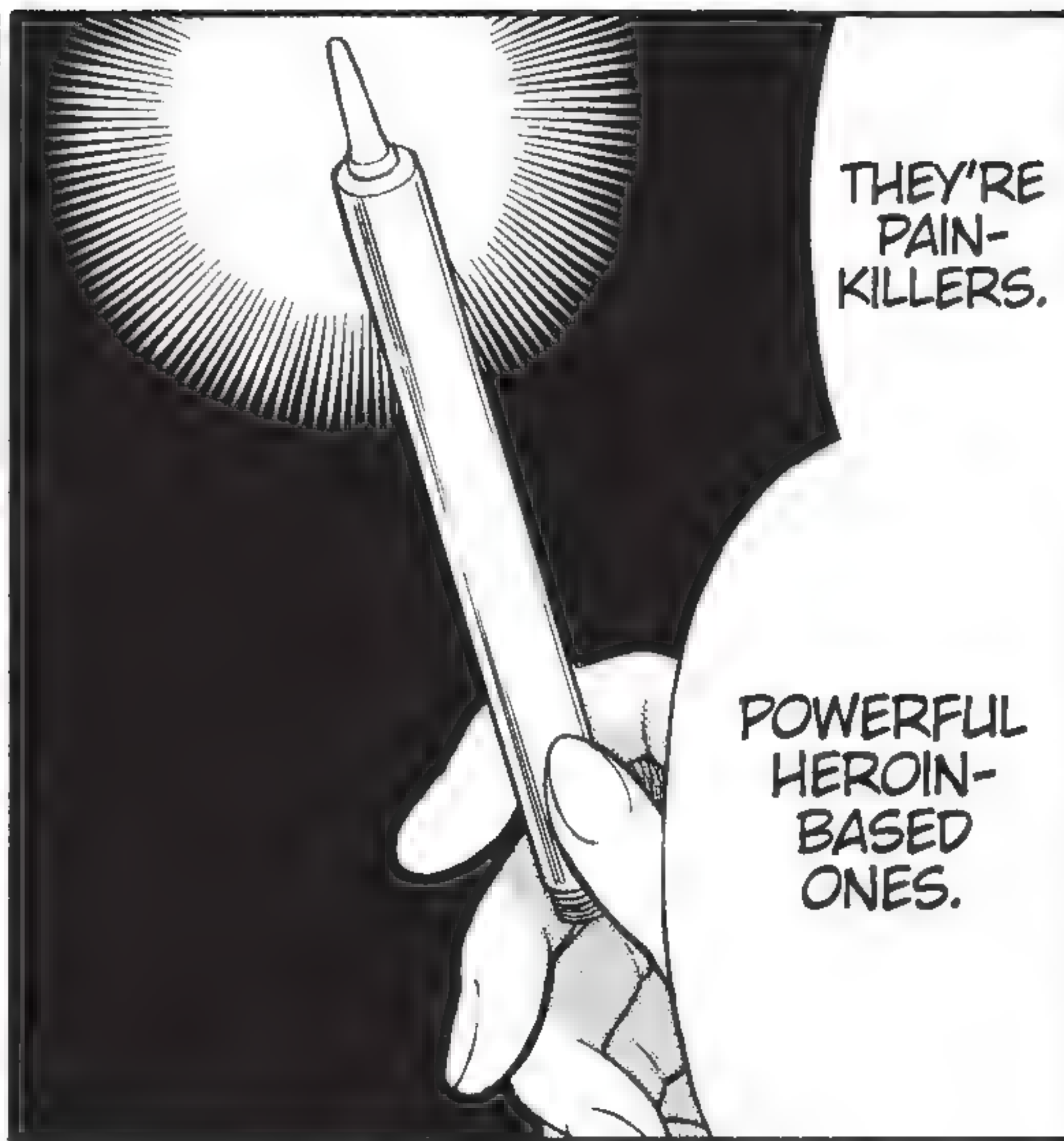




IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

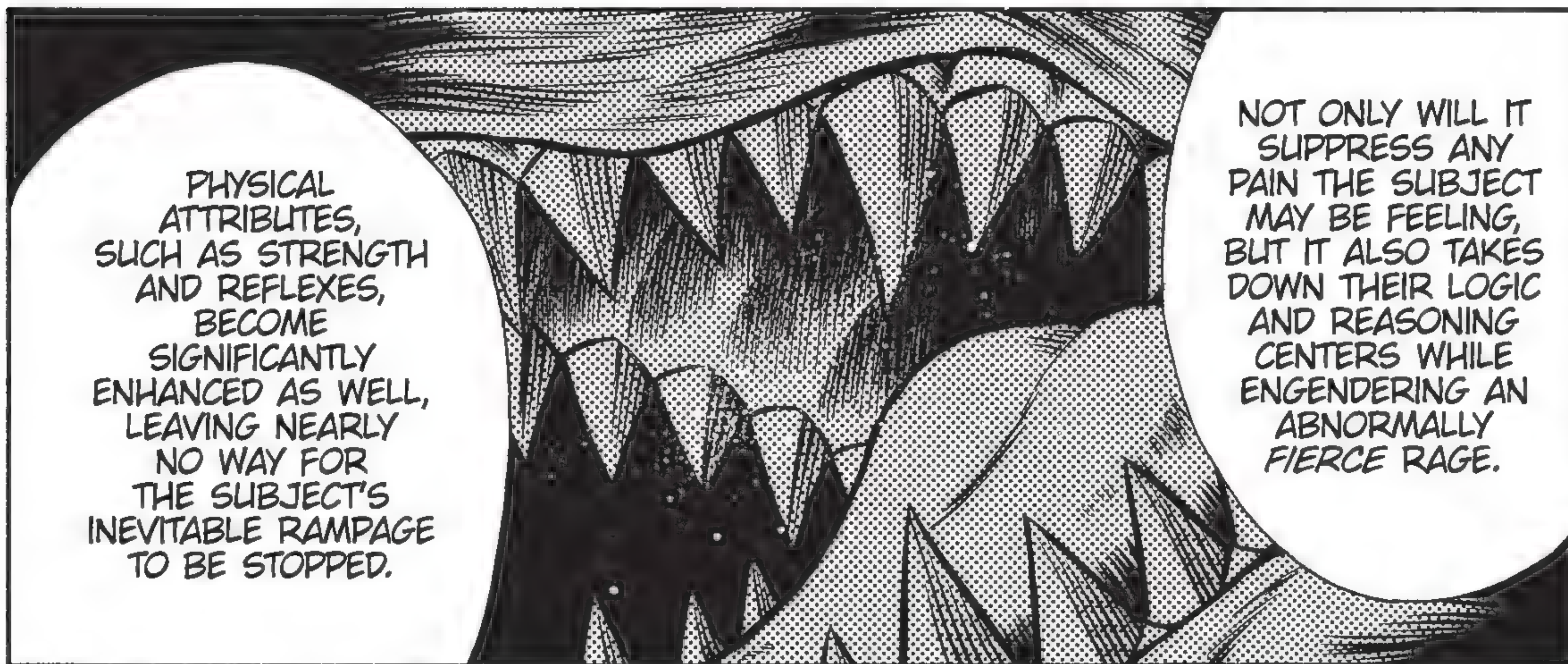
THEN HURRY UP AND GIVE HIM SOME!

THIS LITTLE DRUG HAS SOME CONSIDERABLE PSYCHOTROPIC SIDE EFFECTS.



THEY'RE PAIN-KILLERS.

POWERFUL HEROIN-BASED ONES.



PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES, SUCH AS STRENGTH AND REFLEXES, BECOME SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED AS WELL, LEAVING NEARLY NO WAY FOR THE SUBJECT'S INEVITABLE RAMPAGE TO BE STOPPED.

NOT ONLY WILL IT SUPPRESS ANY PAIN THE SUBJECT MAY BE FEELING, BUT IT ALSO TAKES DOWN THEIR LOGIC AND REASONING CENTERS WHILE ENGENDERING AN ABNORMALLY FIERCE RAGE.



ENEMY OR JUST SOME DEPRAVED INDIVIDUAL...

YOU'VE SEEN HIS RAGES, CORRECT?

WHOEVER IT WAS THAT DID THIS TO HIM... DID IT WITH THE INTENTION OF TURNING HIM INTO AN UNSTOPPABLE KILLING MACHINE.



IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, THIS IS A BERSERKER SERUM.





SANIN  
...



BECAUSE  
HE SAW  
YOU.

MEETING HIS  
OLD FRIEND  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN YEARS  
HAS LIT A  
FIRE UNDER  
WHATEVER  
LAST SHREDS  
OF HUMANITY  
HE HAS  
LEFT.



OR AS  
SANE AS  
HE CAN  
BE. HE  
HIMSELF IS  
REFUSING  
TO LET US  
ADMINISTER  
THIS DRUG  
TO HIM.

THE ONLY  
WAY WE  
ARE EVEN  
ABLE TO  
CONTAIN  
HIM THIS  
WAY IS  
BECAUSE  
HE'S  
CURRENTLY  
SANE...



HUH?  
BUT  
WHY?!

MY  
THEORY  
?





IN THE  
PRESENT DAY,  
THE EARTH  
CLAN IS NEARLY  
SYNONYMOUS  
WITH THE  
BEOWULF,  
ALL OF  
WHOM SERVE  
AS LOYAL  
GUARDIANS  
AND WARRIORS  
TO THE TEPES  
FAMILY.

IN THE  
DAYS OF  
THE VAMPIRE  
CIVIL WARS,  
HOWEVER, THERE  
WERE MANY  
CLANS, ALL OF  
WHOM SERVED  
THEIR OWN  
SEPARATE  
MASTERS.

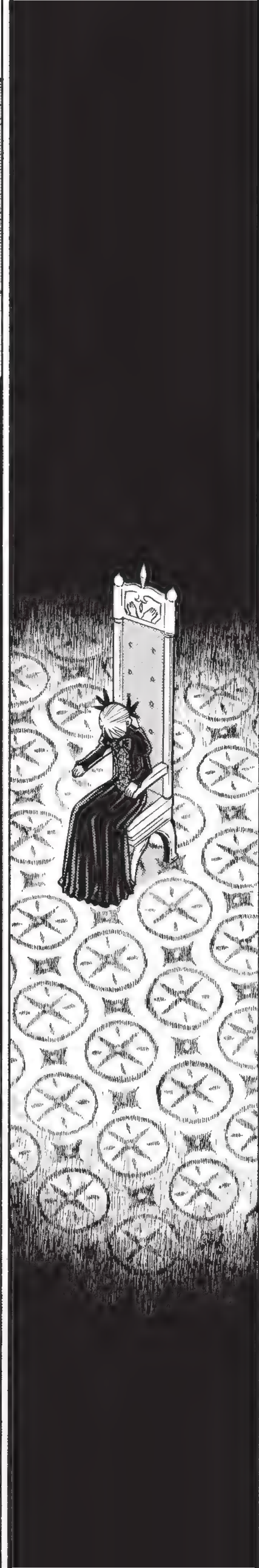
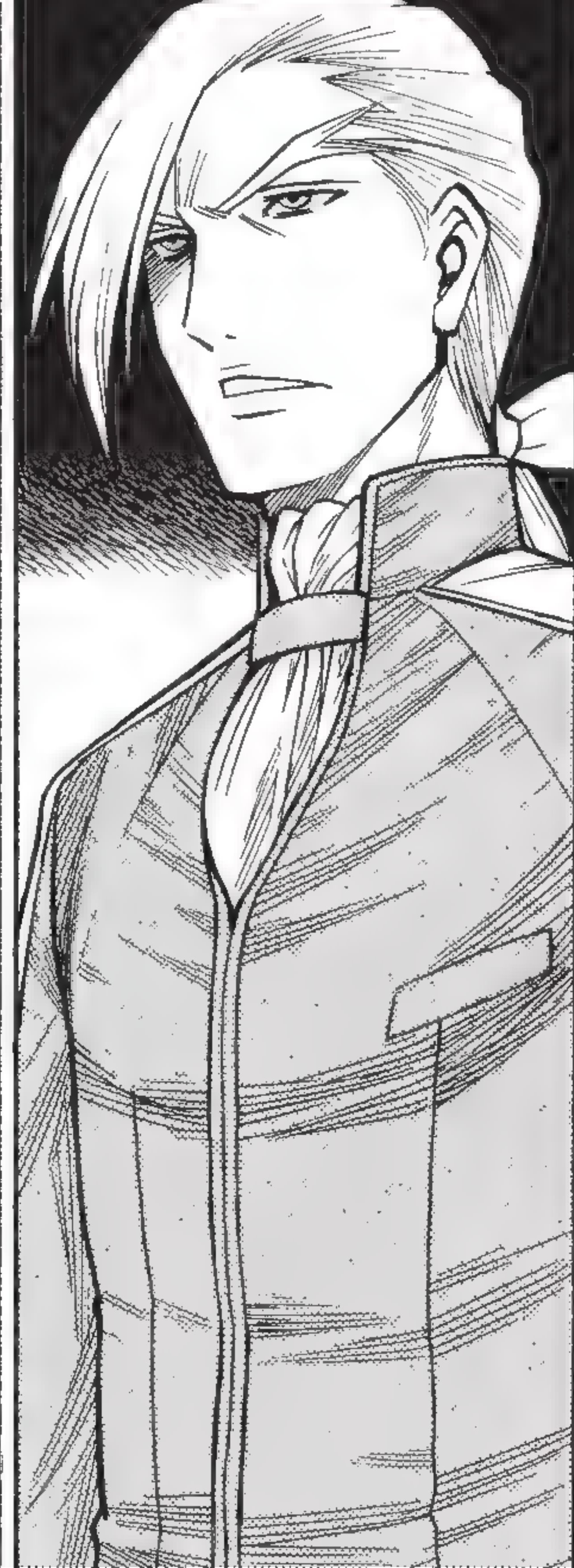


YOUR  
MAJESTY  
...

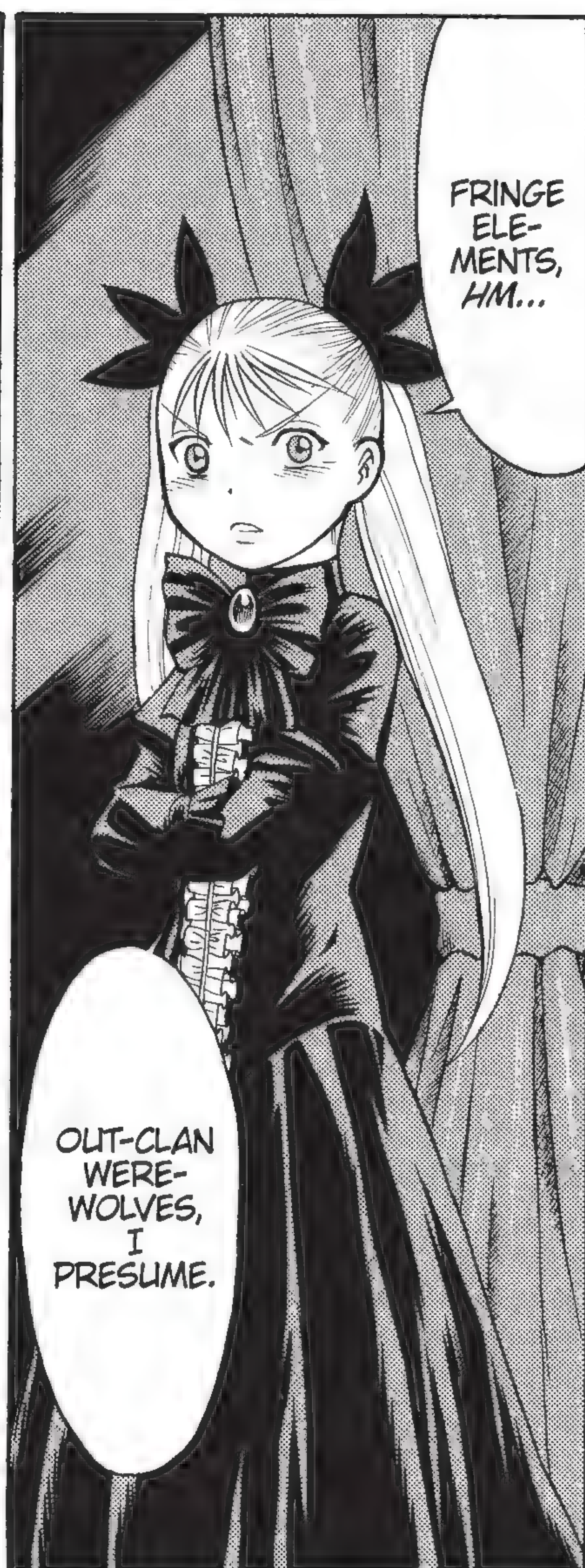
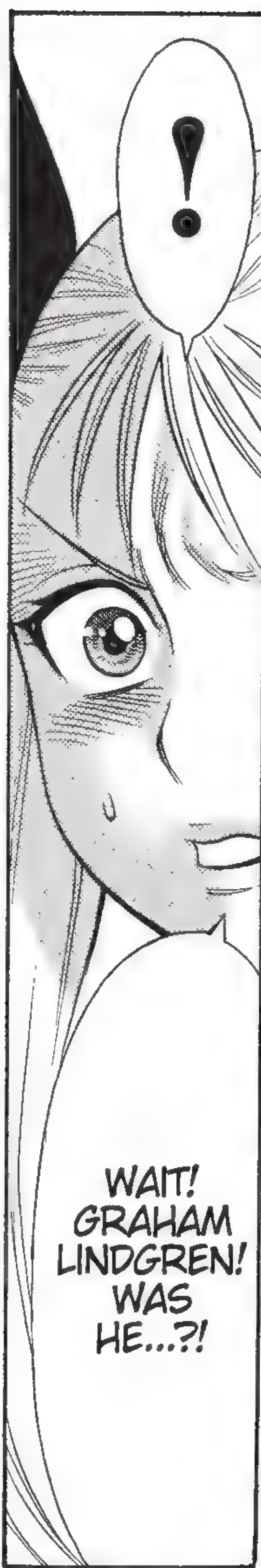
THE  
INCIDENT IS  
INEXTRICABLY  
INTERTWINED  
WITH THE  
EARTH  
CLAN'S  
PAST.



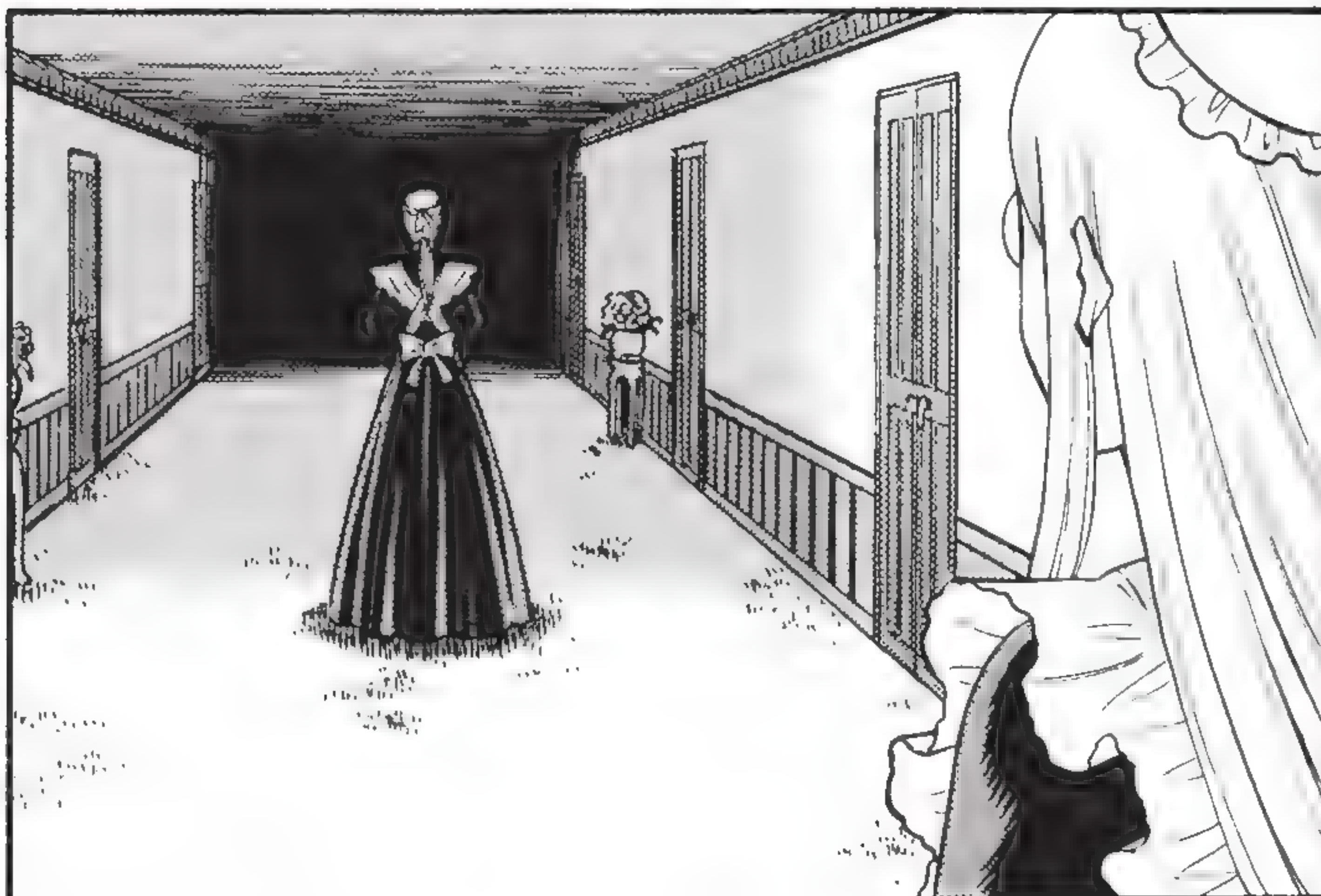
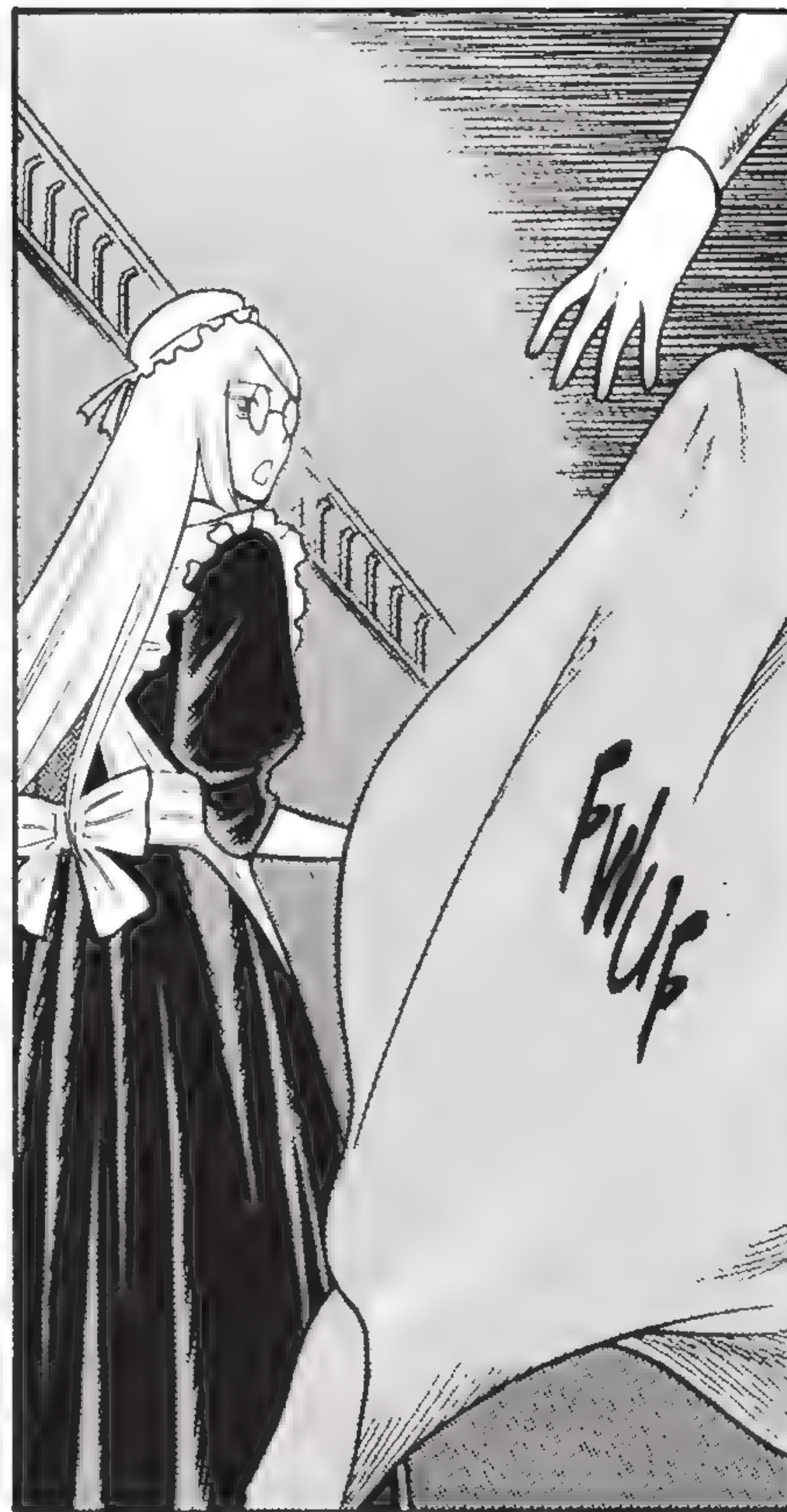
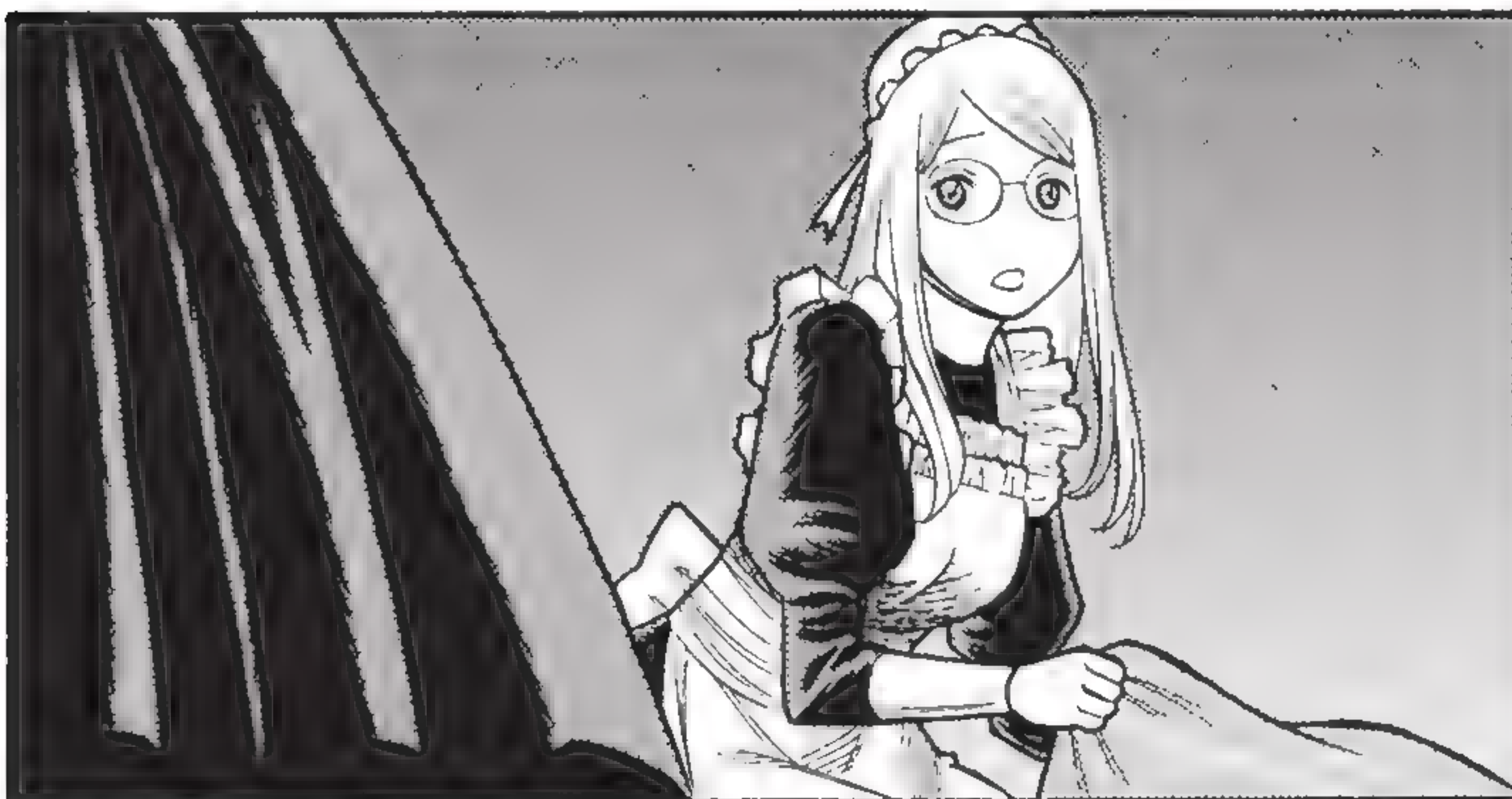
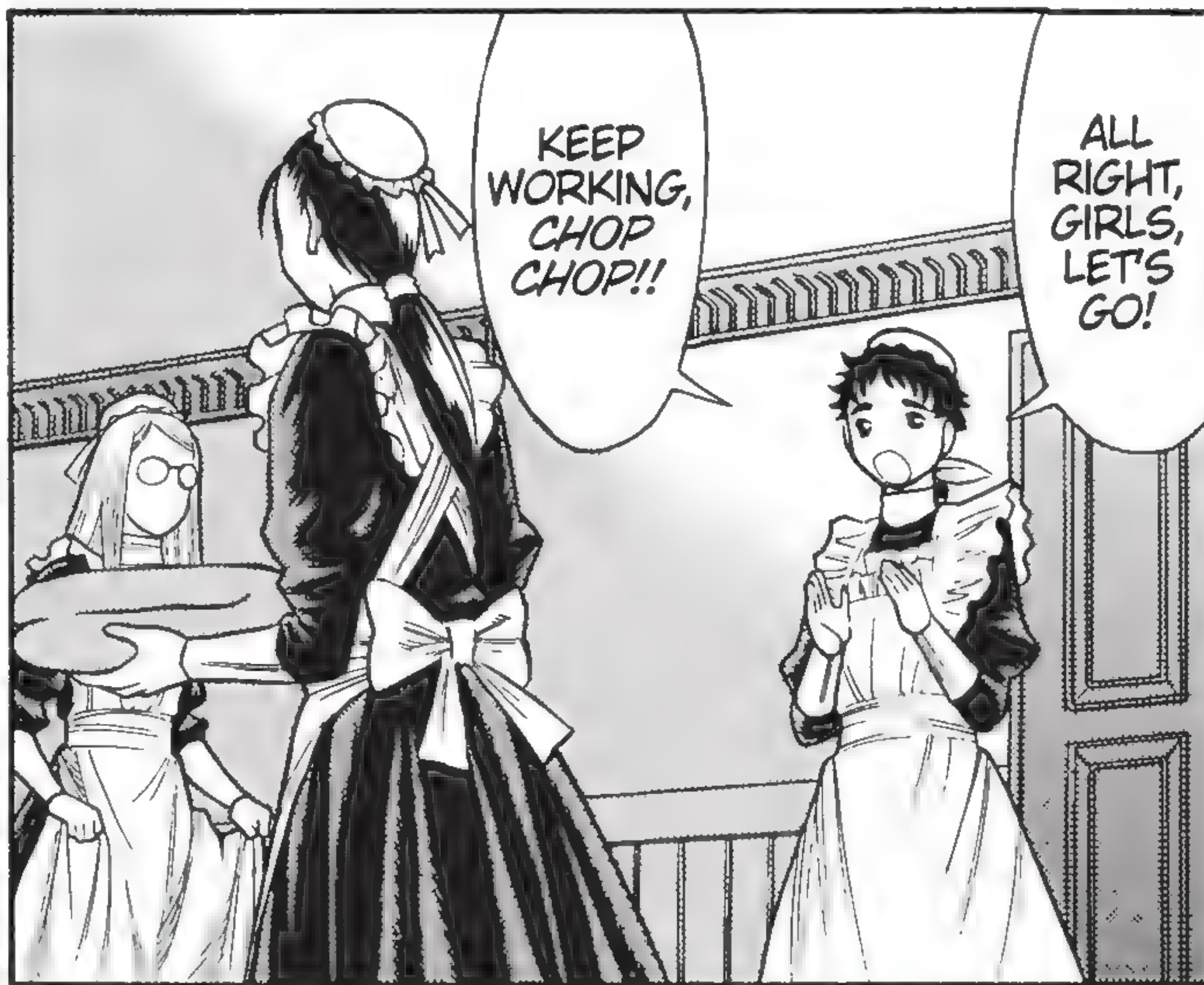
ALTHOUGH THE  
CLANS SEEM TO BE  
UNIFIED NOW, THERE  
ARE STILL SOME WHO  
CANNOT FORGET PAST  
LOYALTIES OR WHO  
DISAPPROVE OF THE  
POWER WIELDED BY  
THE EARTH CLAN  
SENATE. INDEED,  
SOME OF THESE  
FRINGE ELEMENTS  
ARE CONSIDERED A  
TERRORIST RISK.







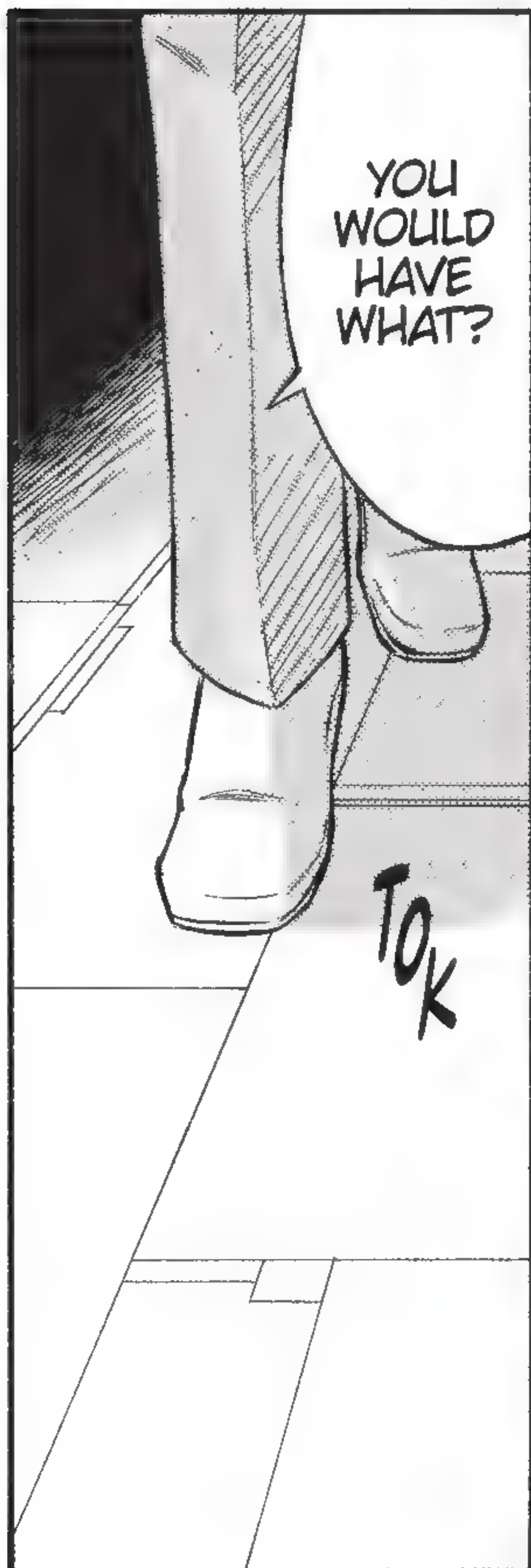




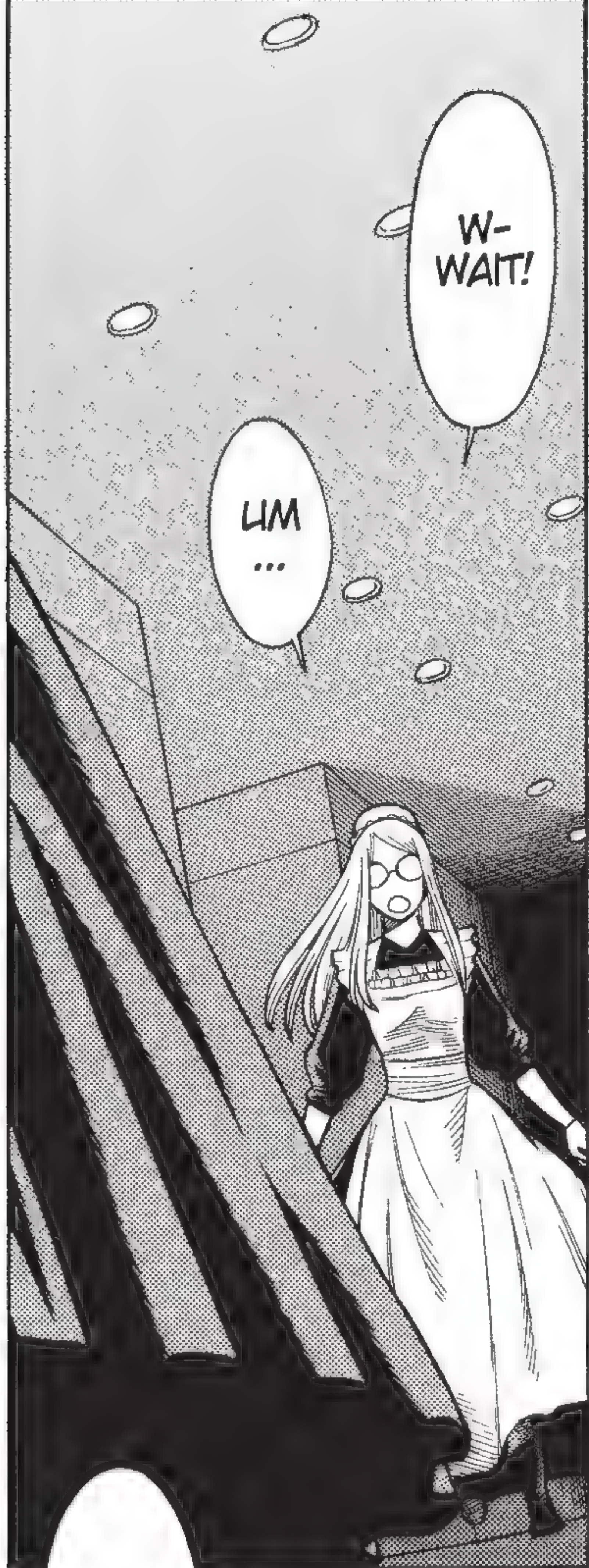






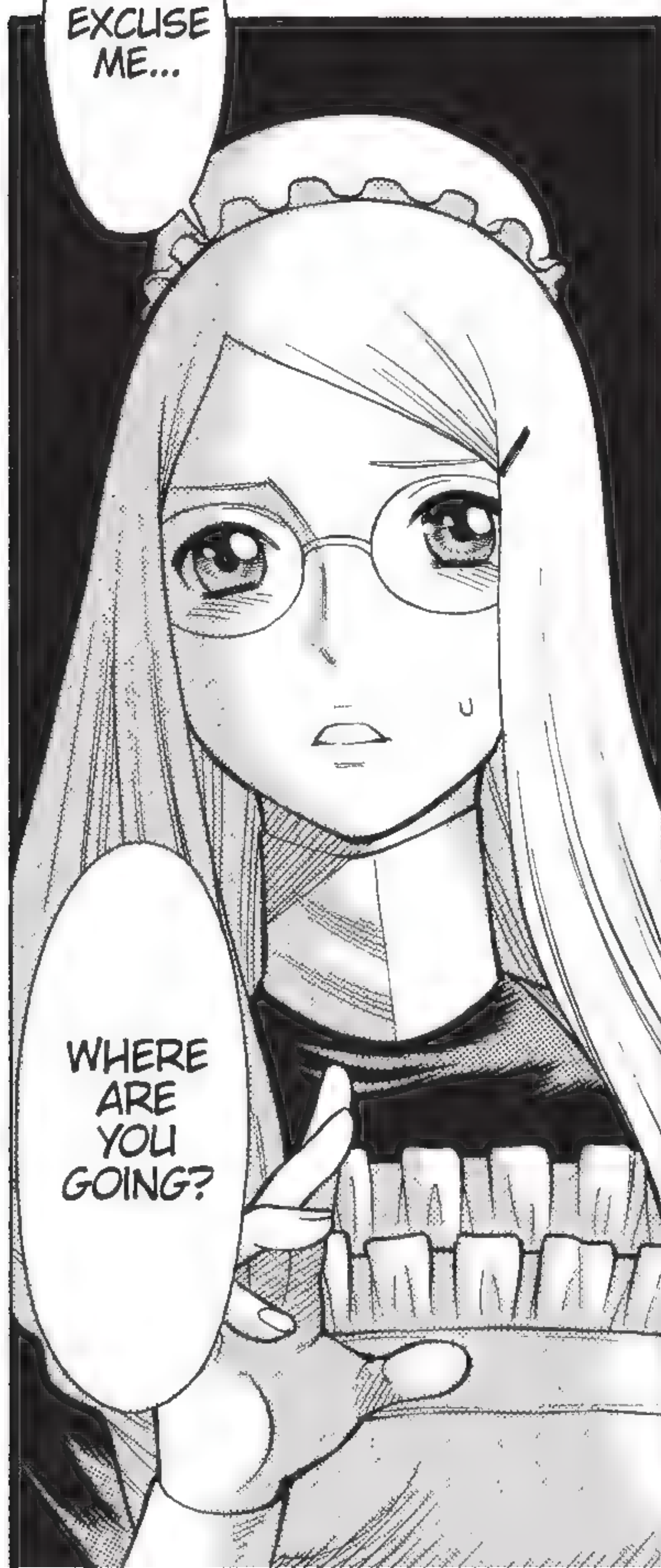






W-WAIT!

LIM  
...



EXCLUSE  
ME...

WHERE  
ARE  
YOU  
GOING?

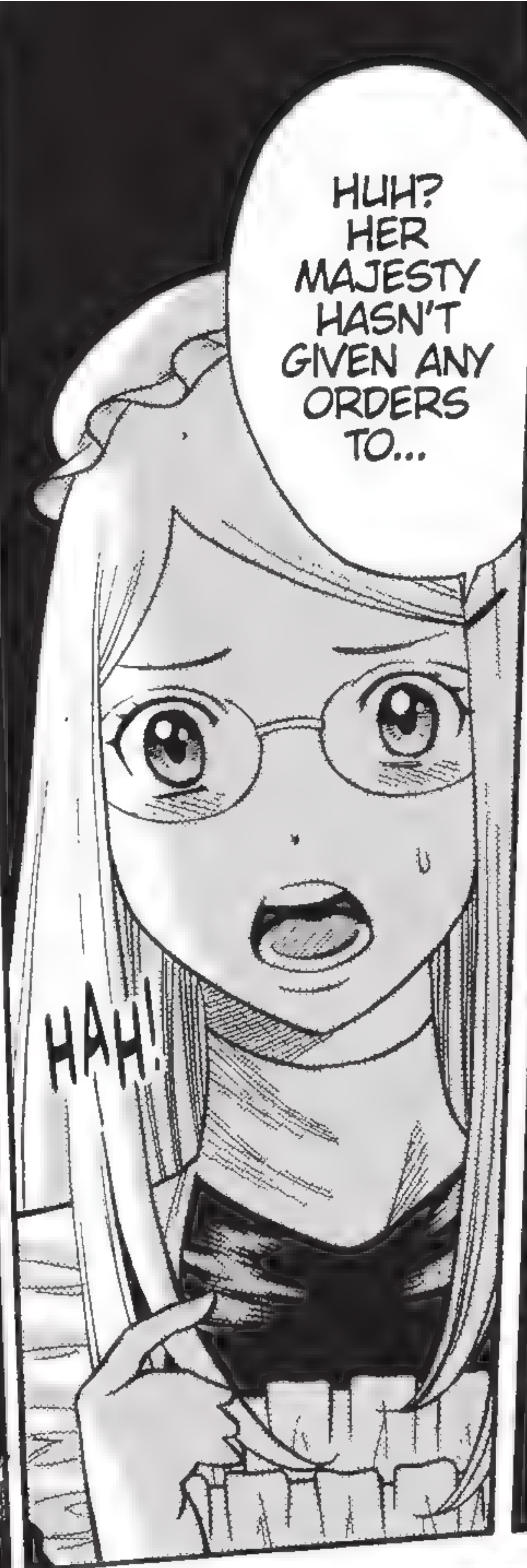


CLACK  
CLACK  
CLACK

CLACK  
CLACK  
CLACK





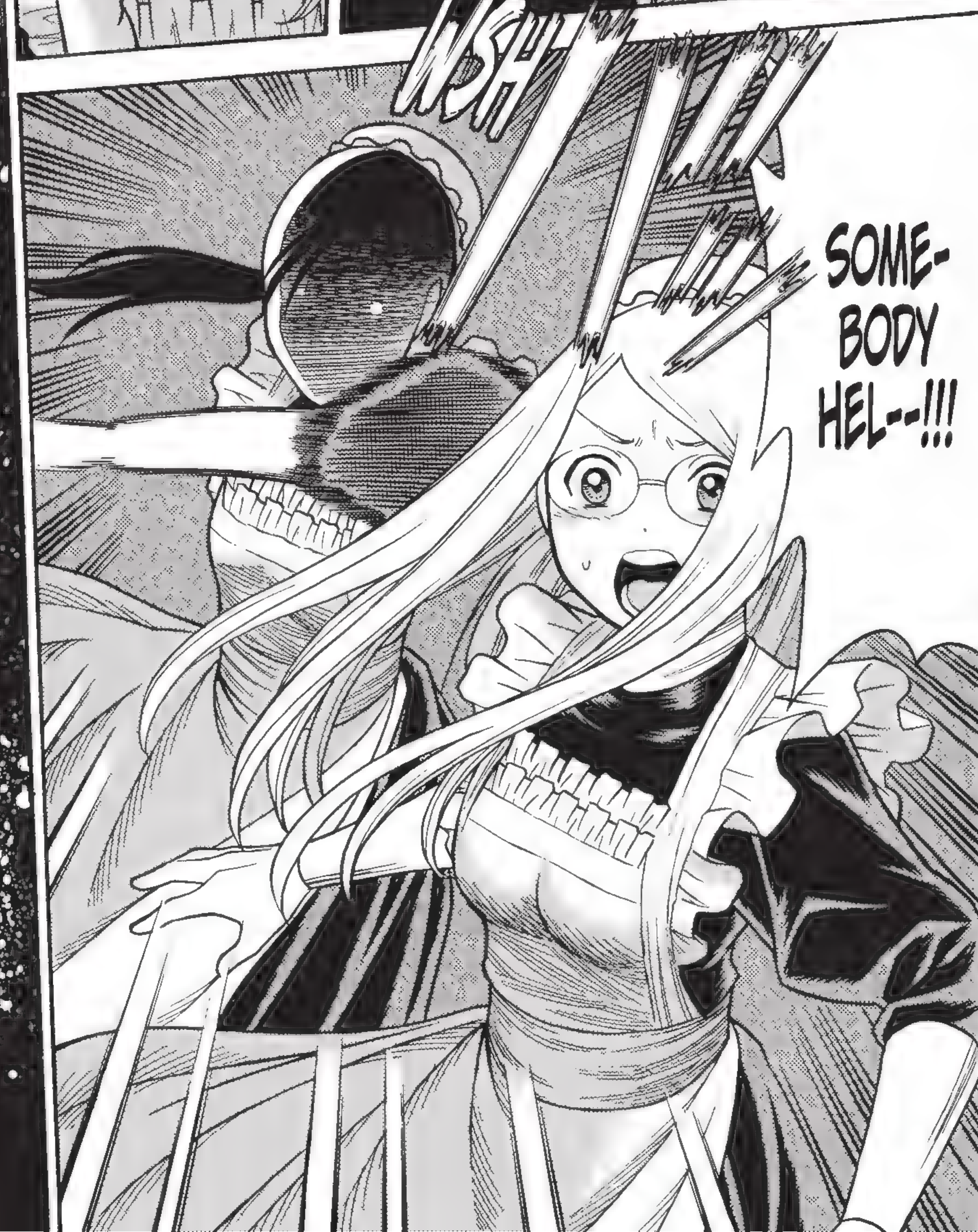


HUH?  
HER  
MAJESTY  
HASN'T  
GIVEN ANY  
ORDERS  
TO...



I  
HAVE  
TO  
HURRY.

HER  
MAJESTY  
HAS  
GIVEN  
ME AN  
ORDER.



WSH!

SOME-  
BODY  
HEL--!!!





NO!

THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I MEANT!  
I...  
I JUST--!



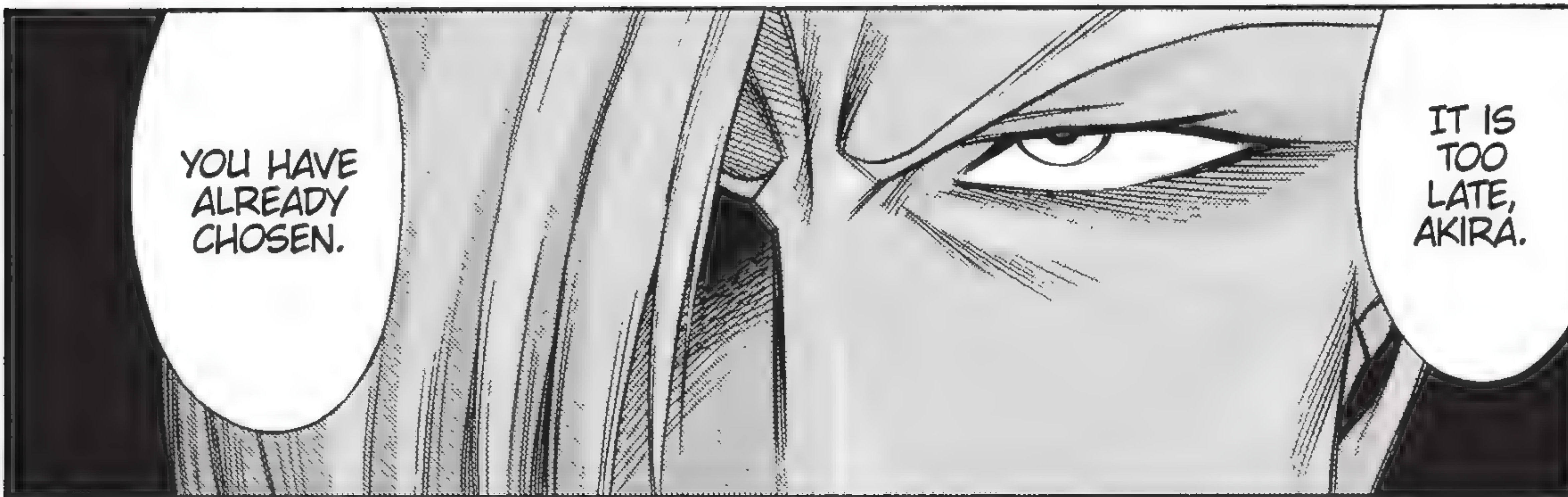
AND LIVE OUT  
THE REST OF  
YOUR LIFE  
AS A HUMAN  
CHILD?  
IS THAT  
WHAT YOU  
WOULD HAVE  
DONE?

RENOUNCE  
YOUR  
DUTY TO  
HER  
MAJESTY...



YOU  
WOULD  
HAVE  
DONE  
**WHAT,**  
EXACTLY  
?

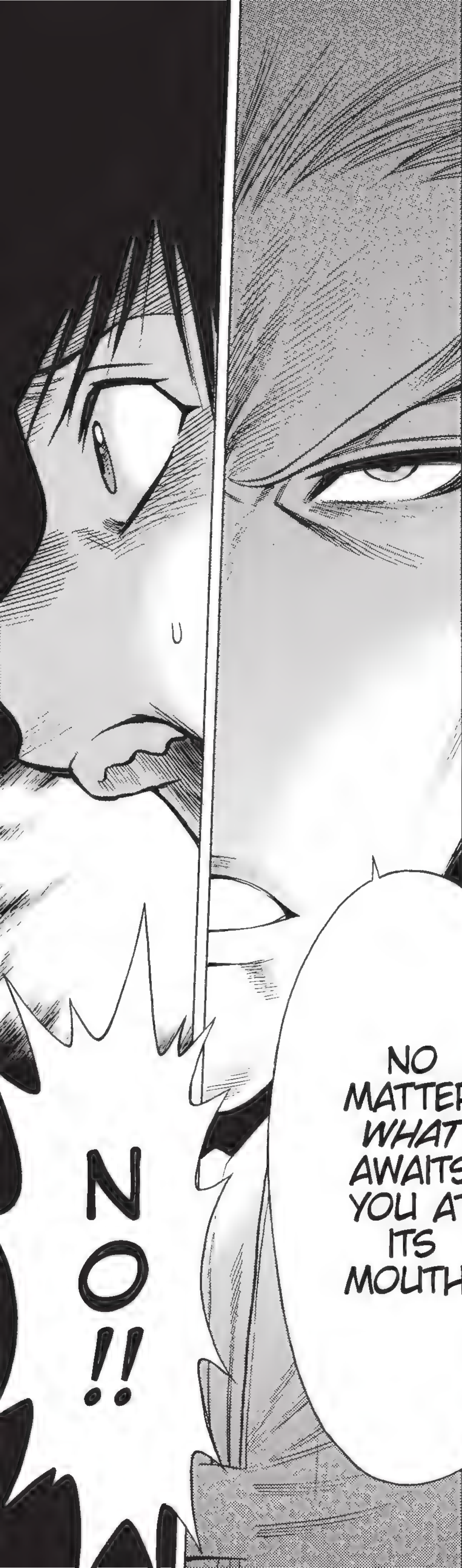
IF YOU  
HAD  
KNOWN  
SOME-  
THING  
LIKE THIS  
WOULD  
HAPPEN...



YOU HAVE  
ALREADY  
CHOSEN.

IT IS  
TOO  
LATE,  
AKIRA.





NO!!

NO  
MATTER  
WHAT  
AWAITS  
YOU AT  
ITS  
MOUTH.



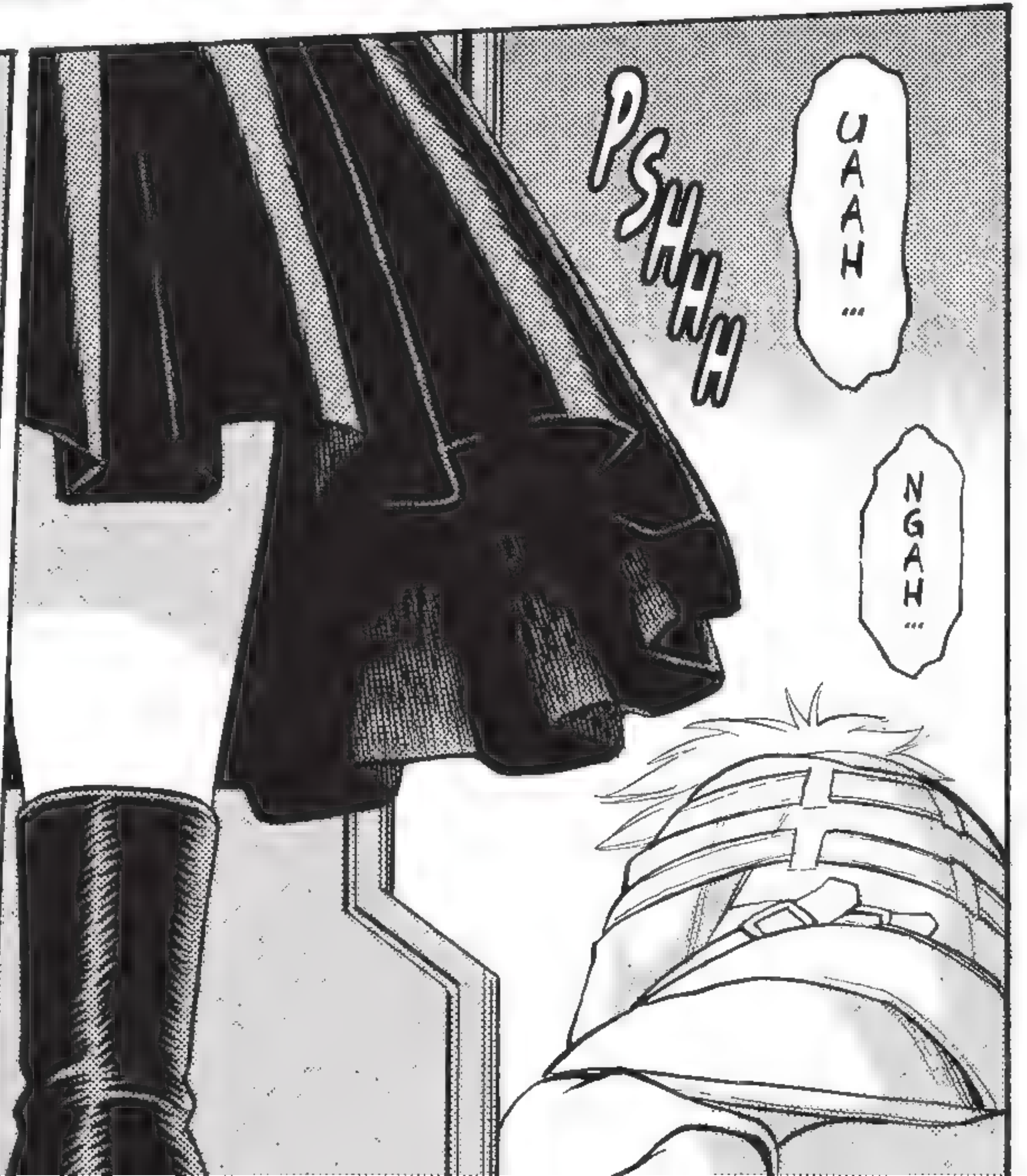
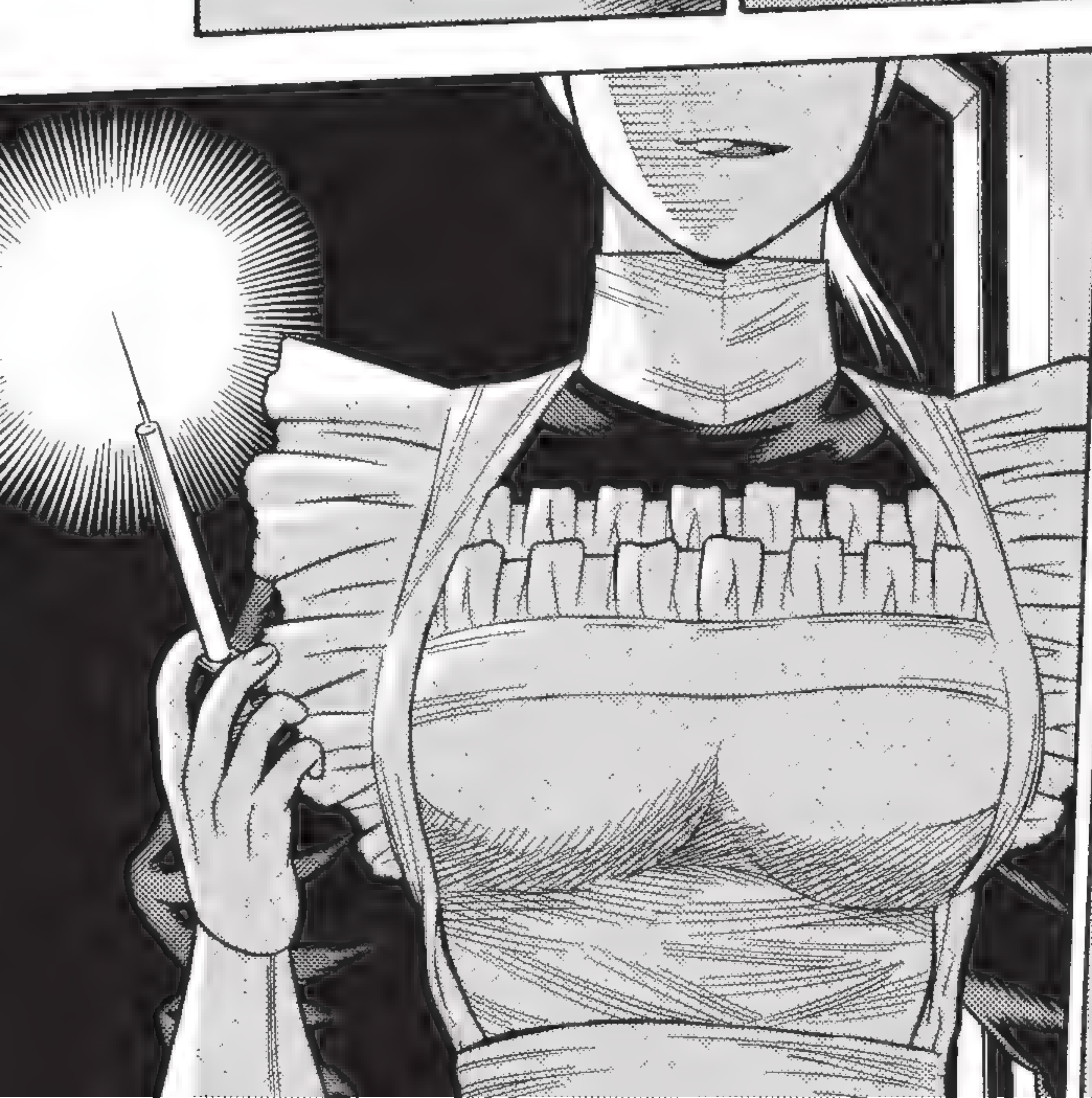
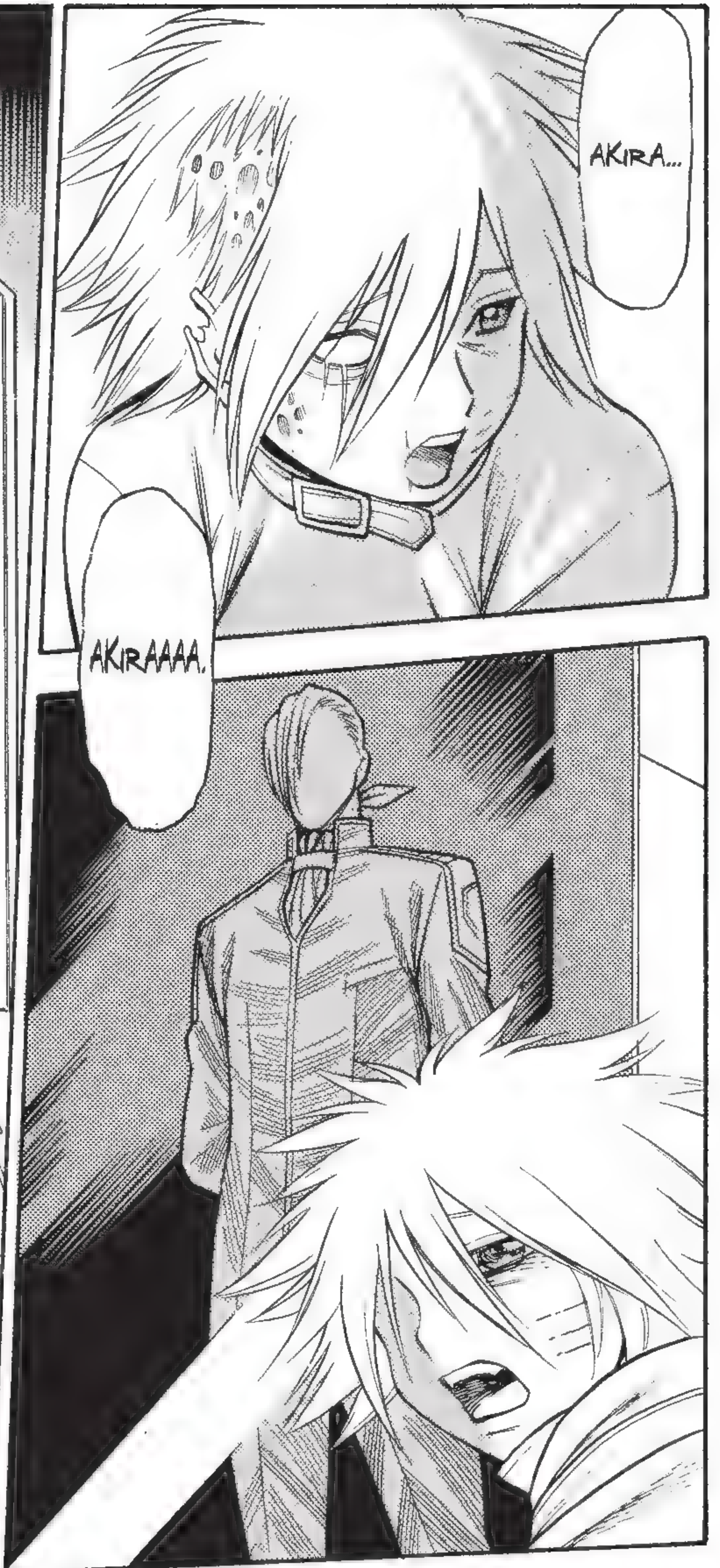
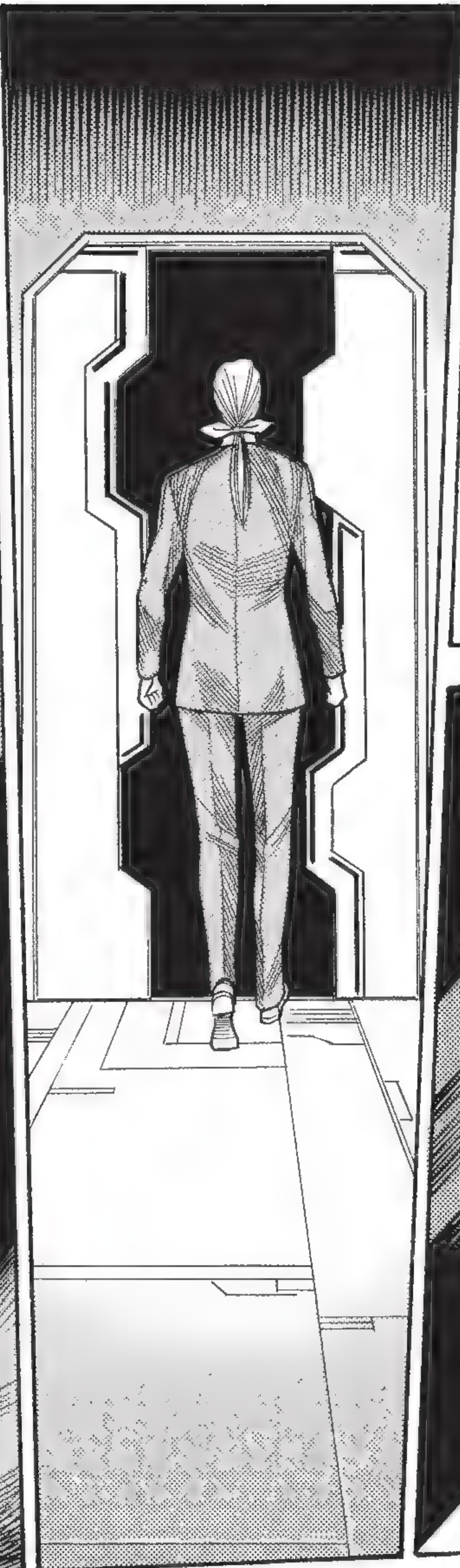
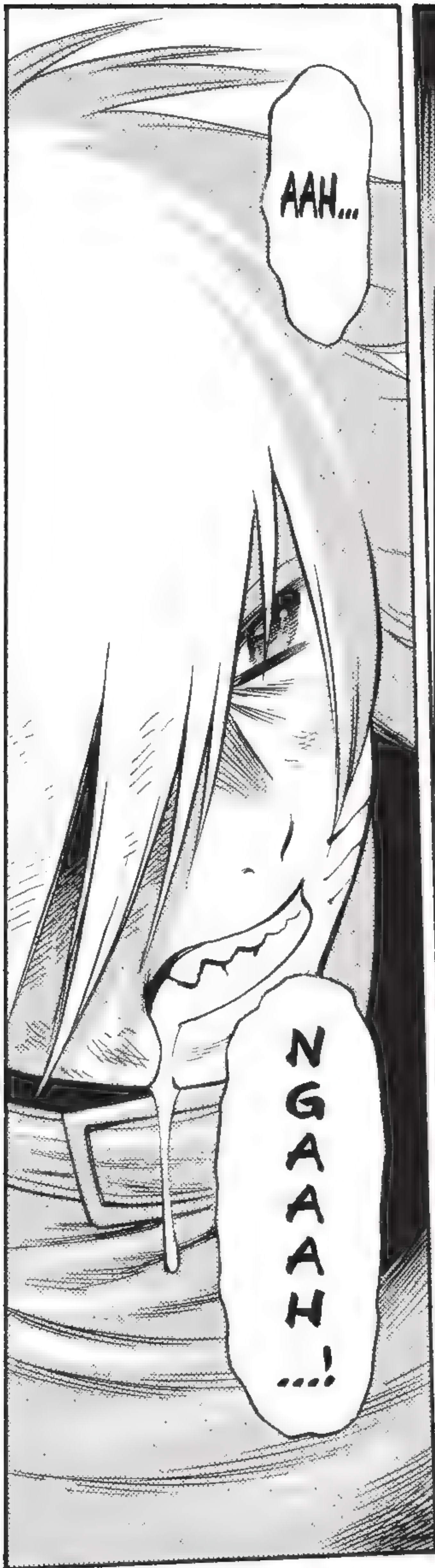
TIME IS  
A RIVER  
THAT DOES  
NOT FLOW  
BACK-  
WARDS.

ONCE YOU  
HAVE GIVEN  
YOURSELF TO  
ITS WATERS,  
THERE IS  
NOTHING FOR  
YOU TO DO  
BUT TO LET IT  
TAKE YOU  
WHERE IT  
WILLS.





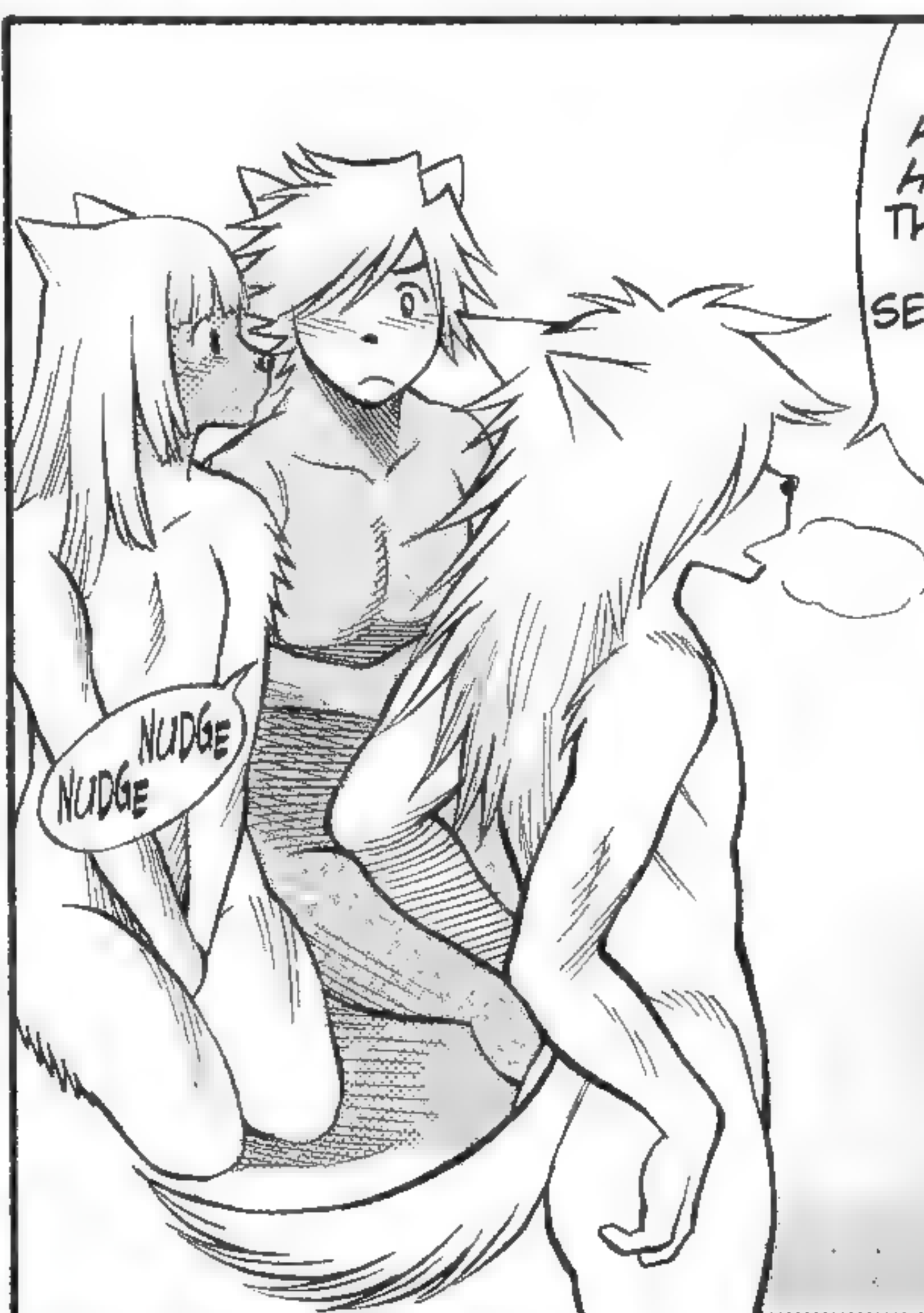
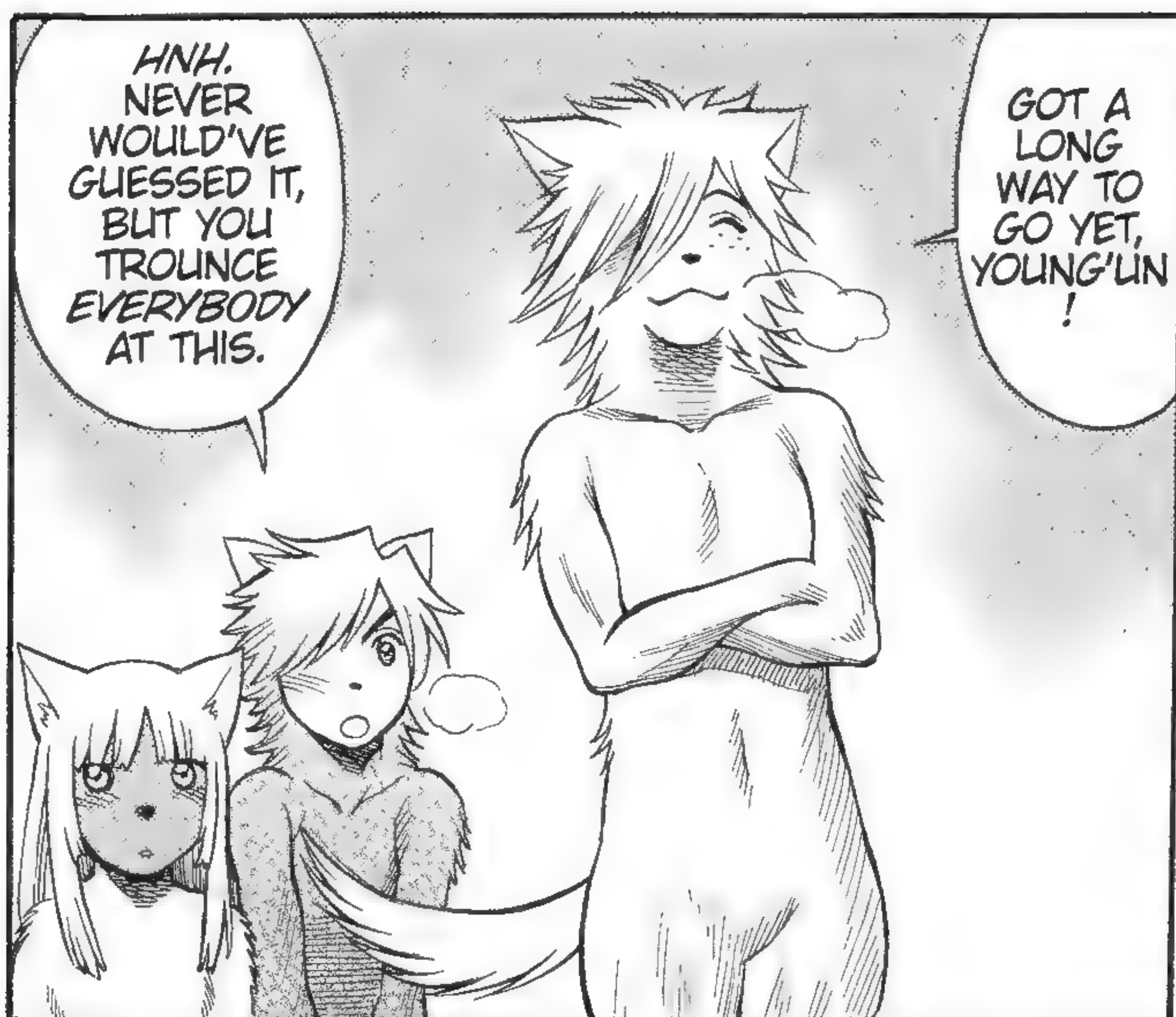




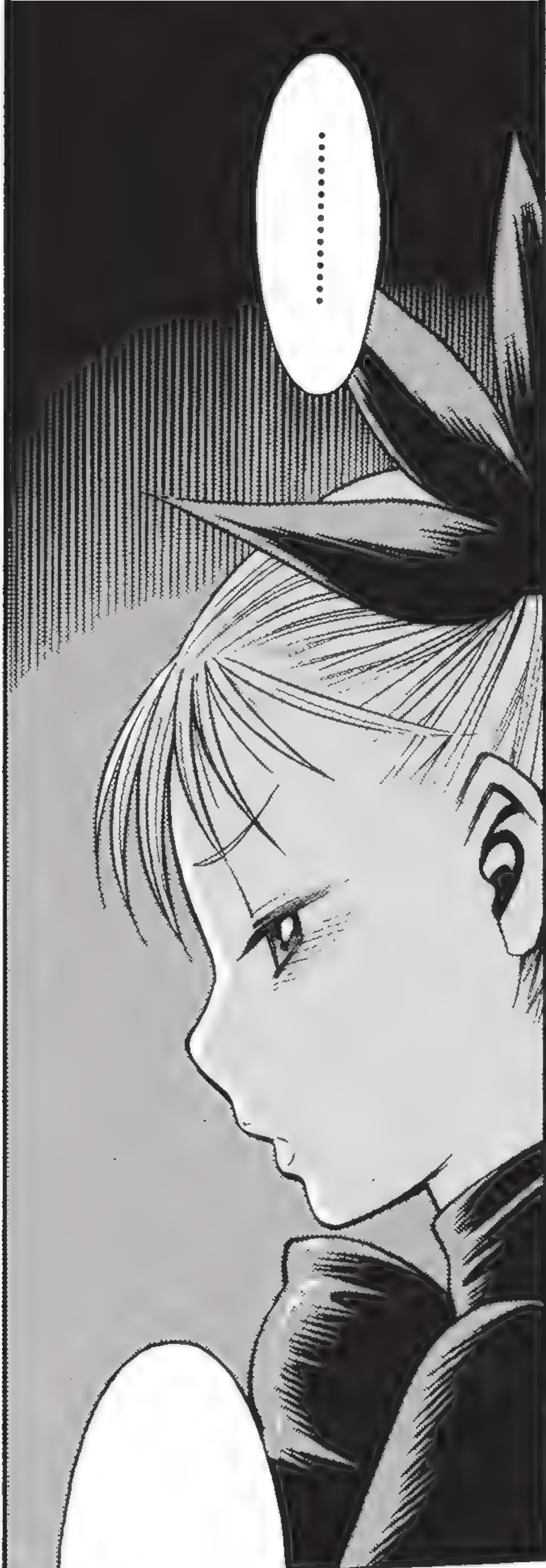




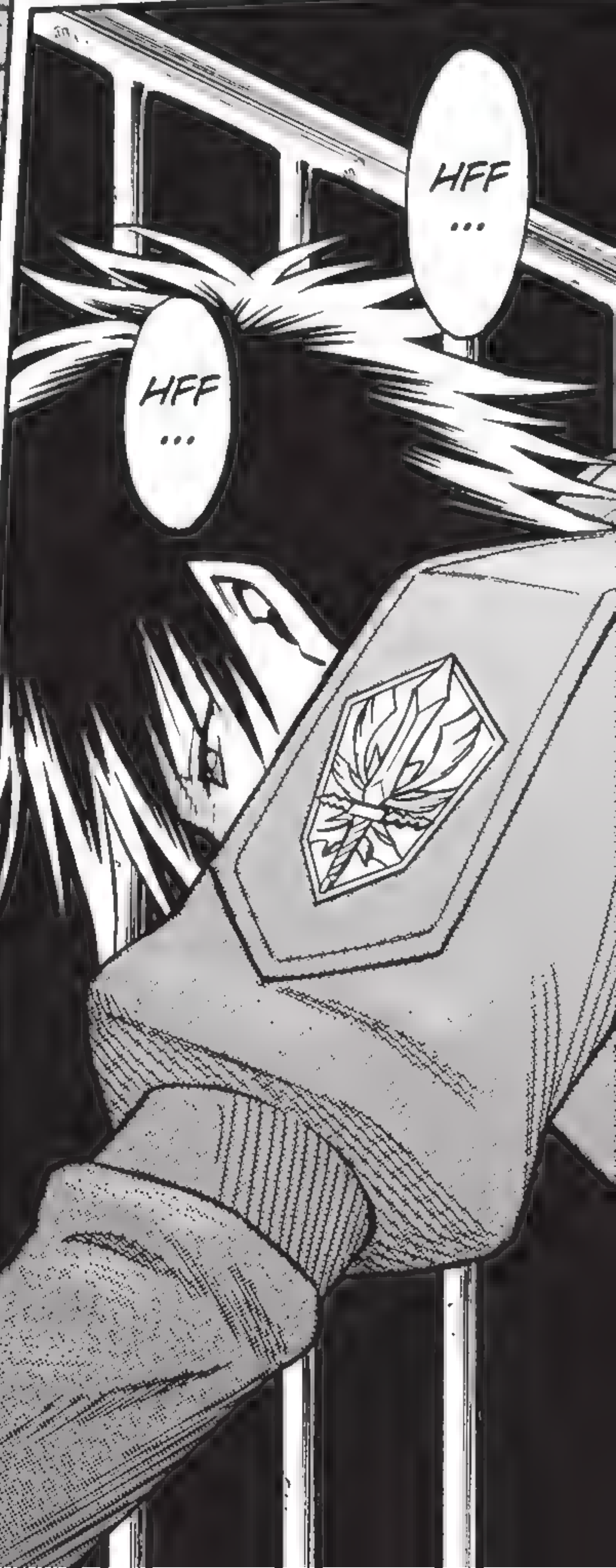
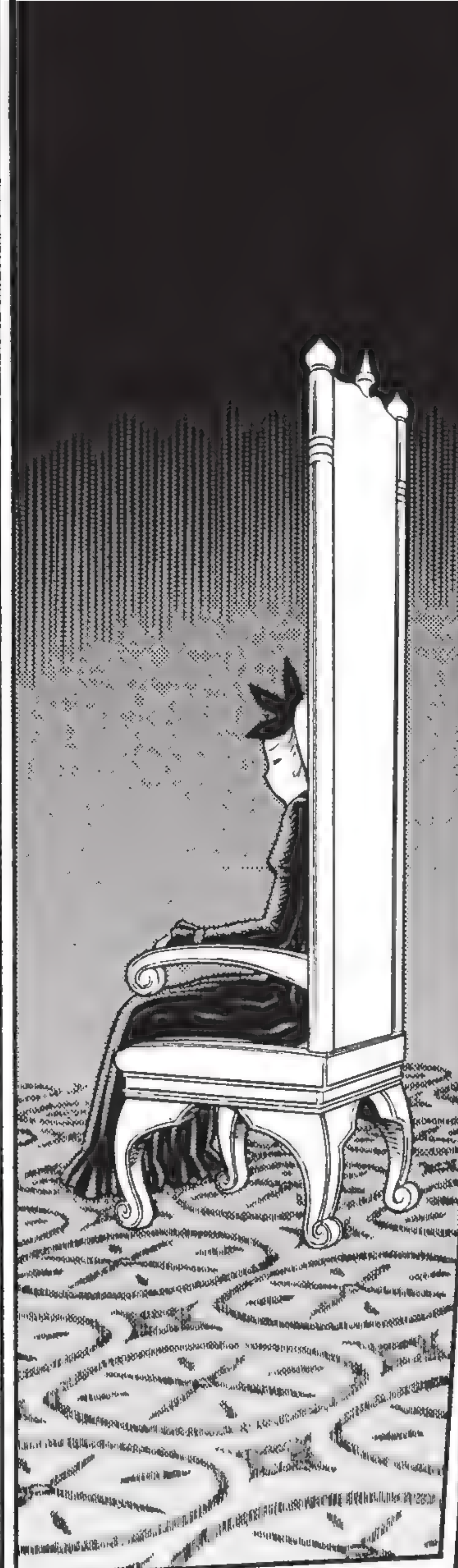




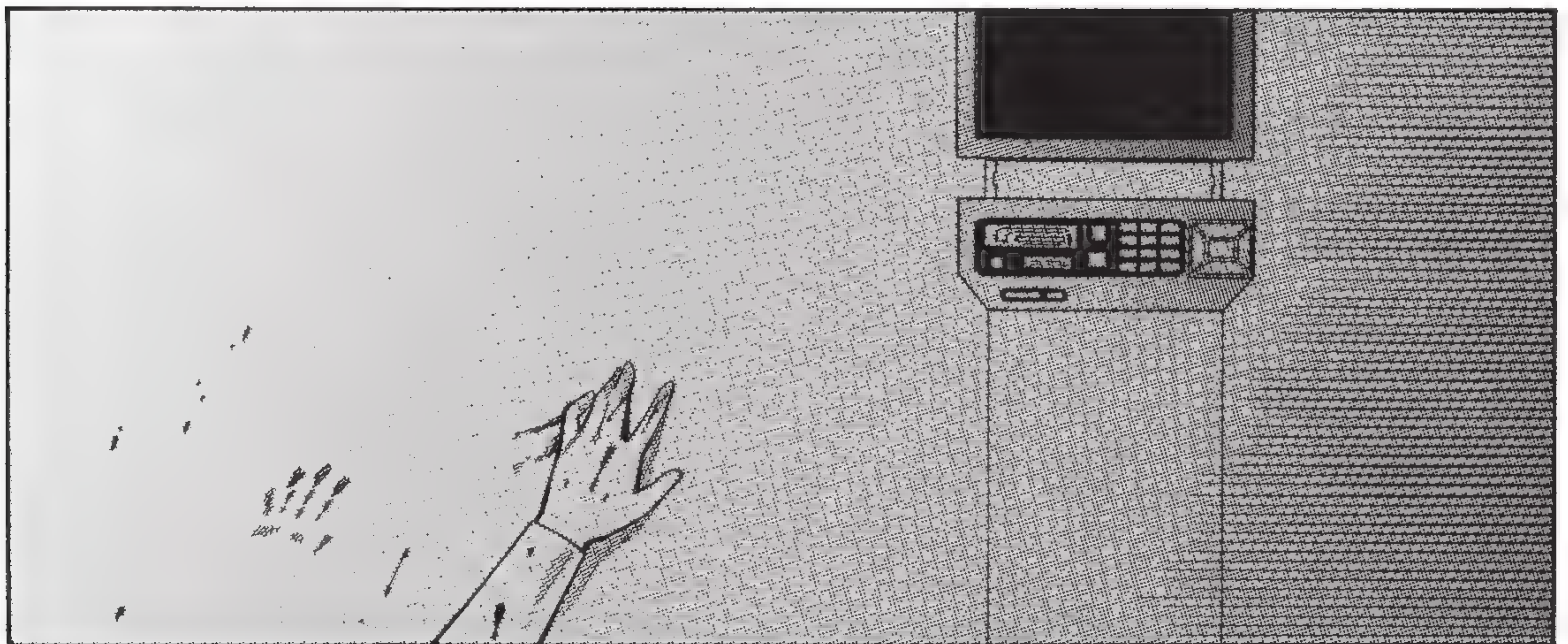
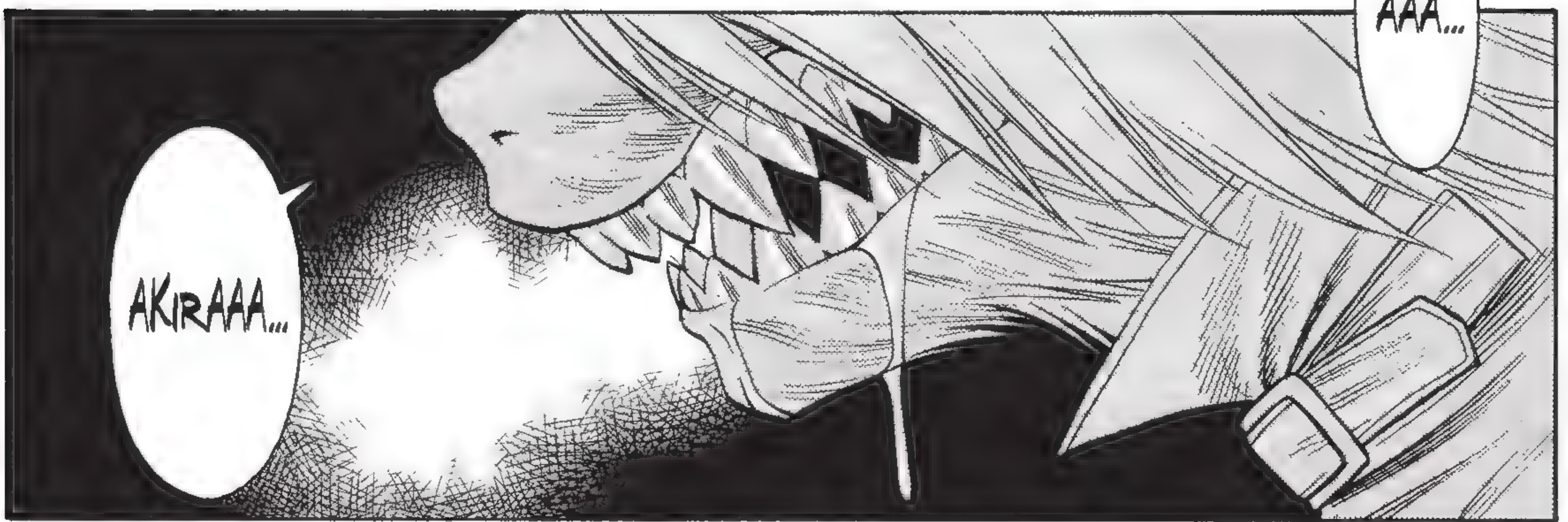
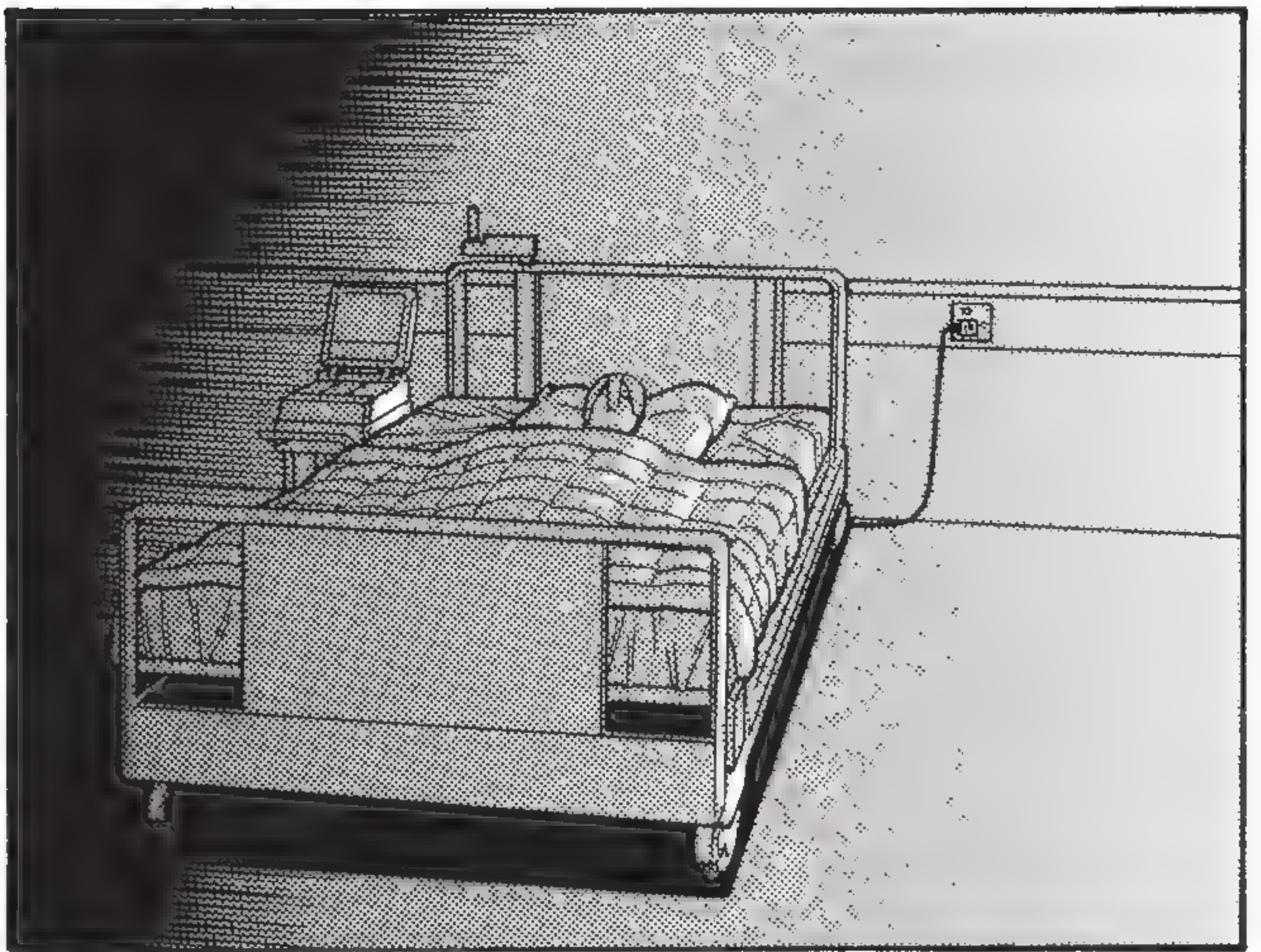
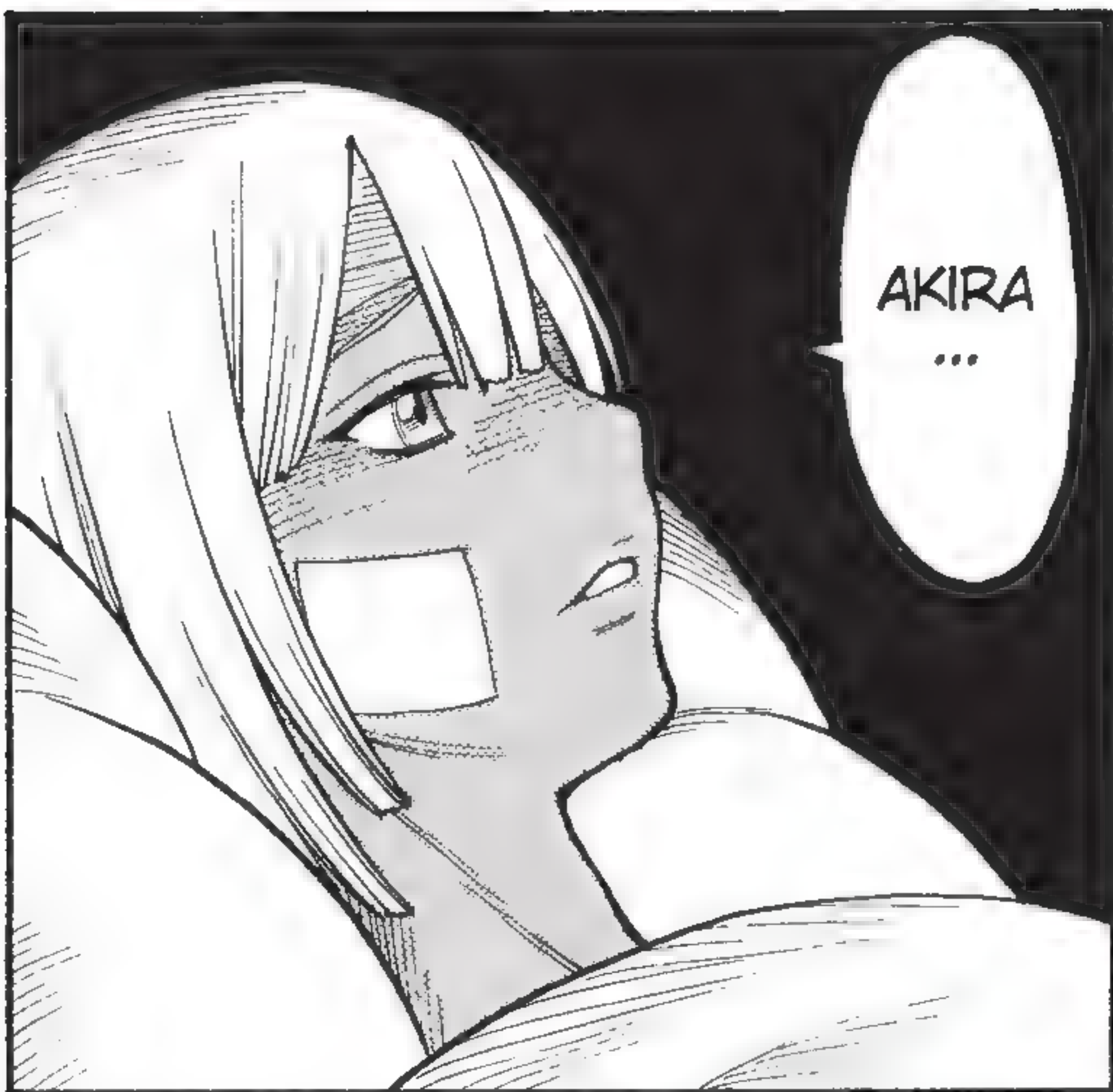




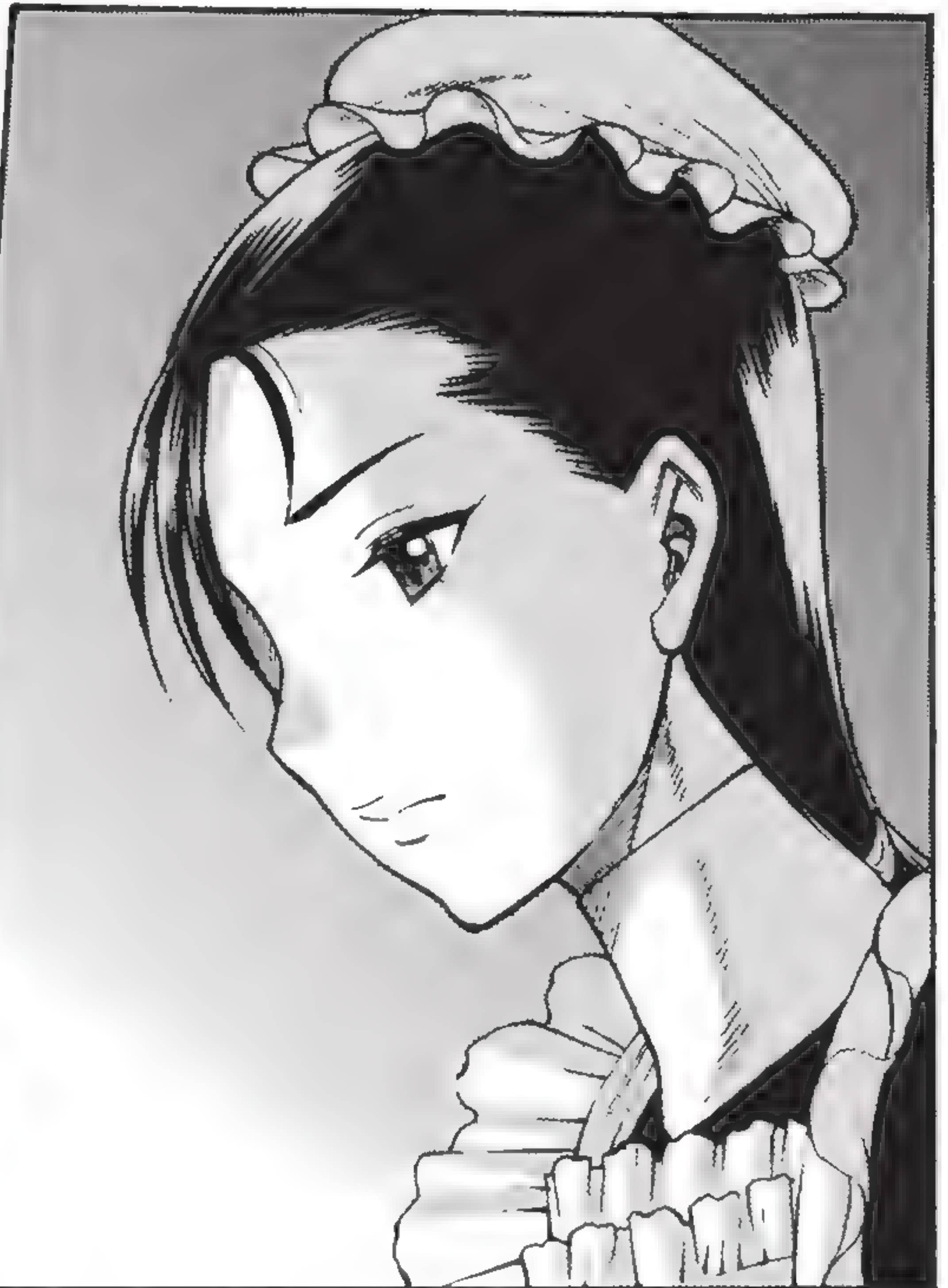
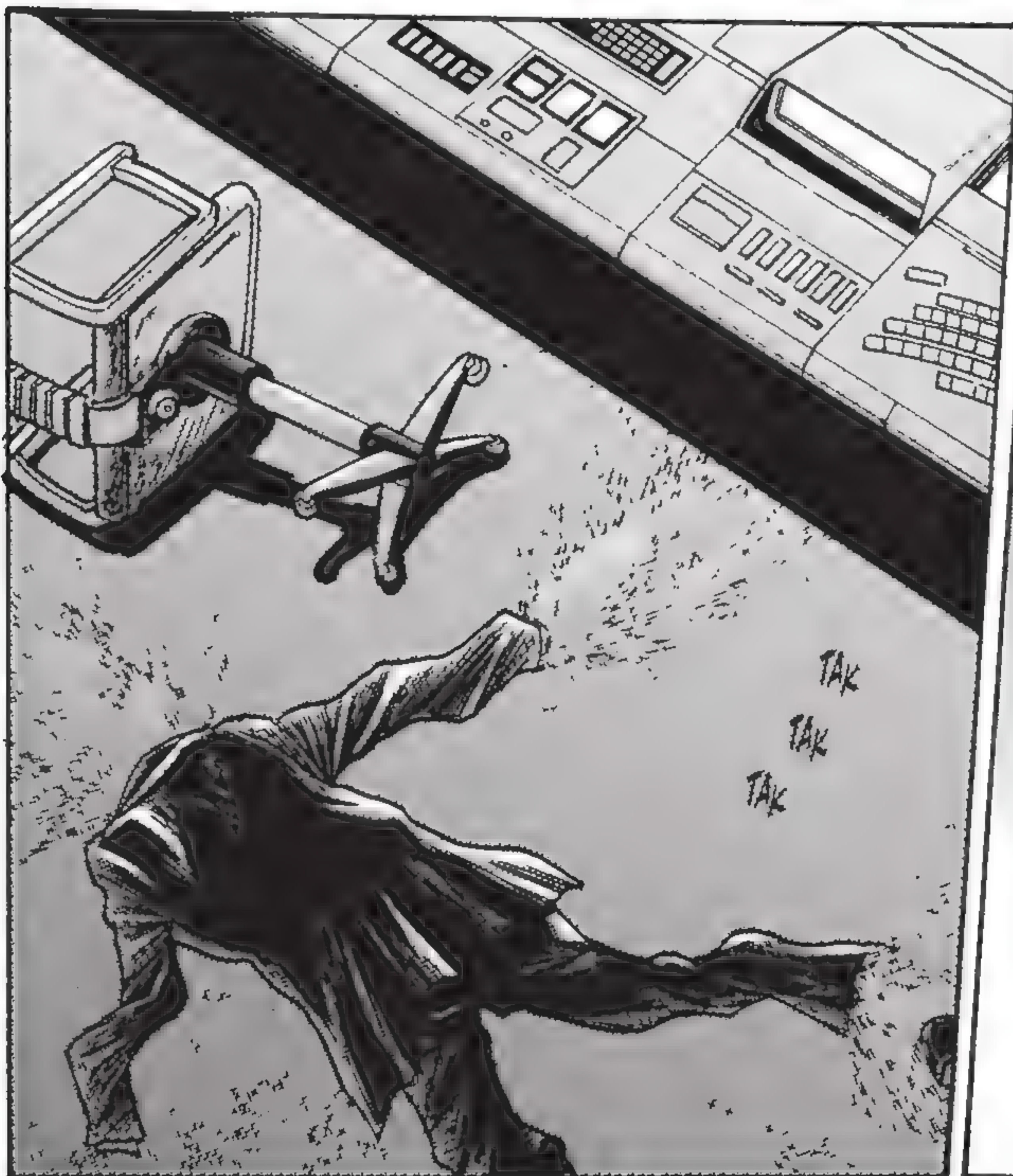
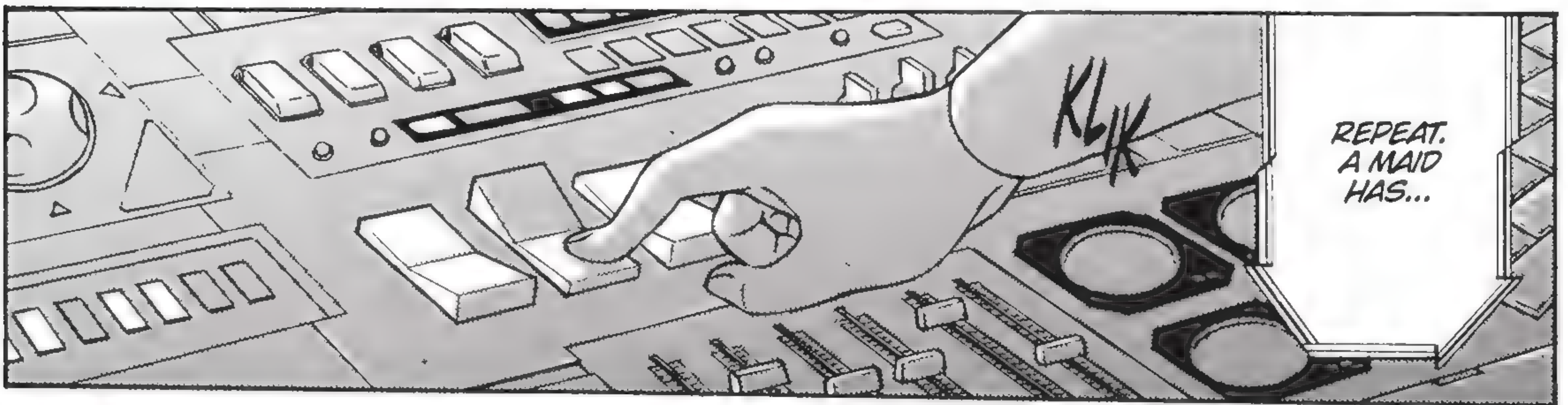
AKIRA.



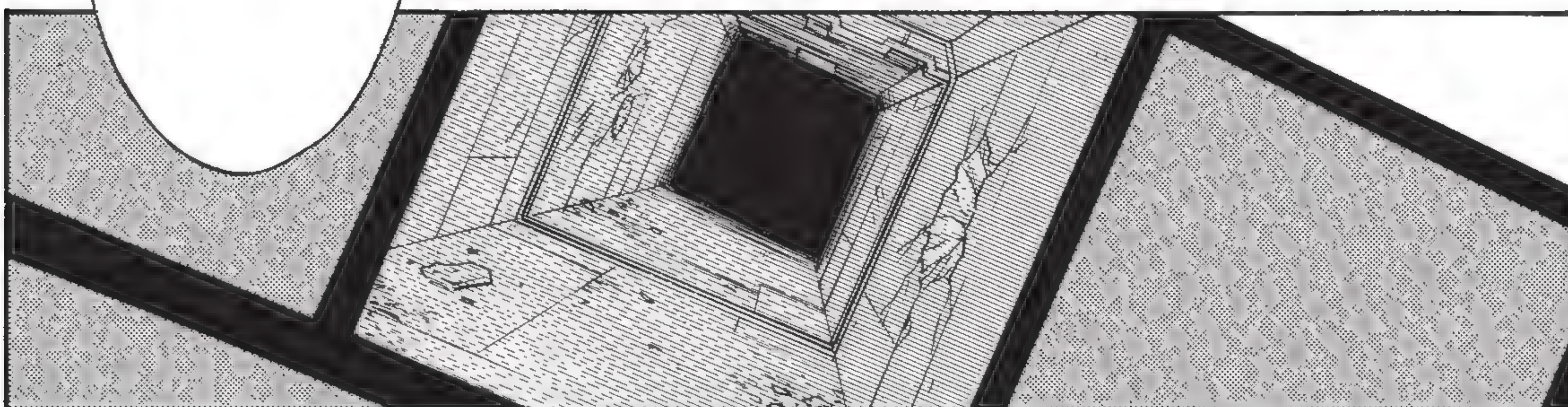
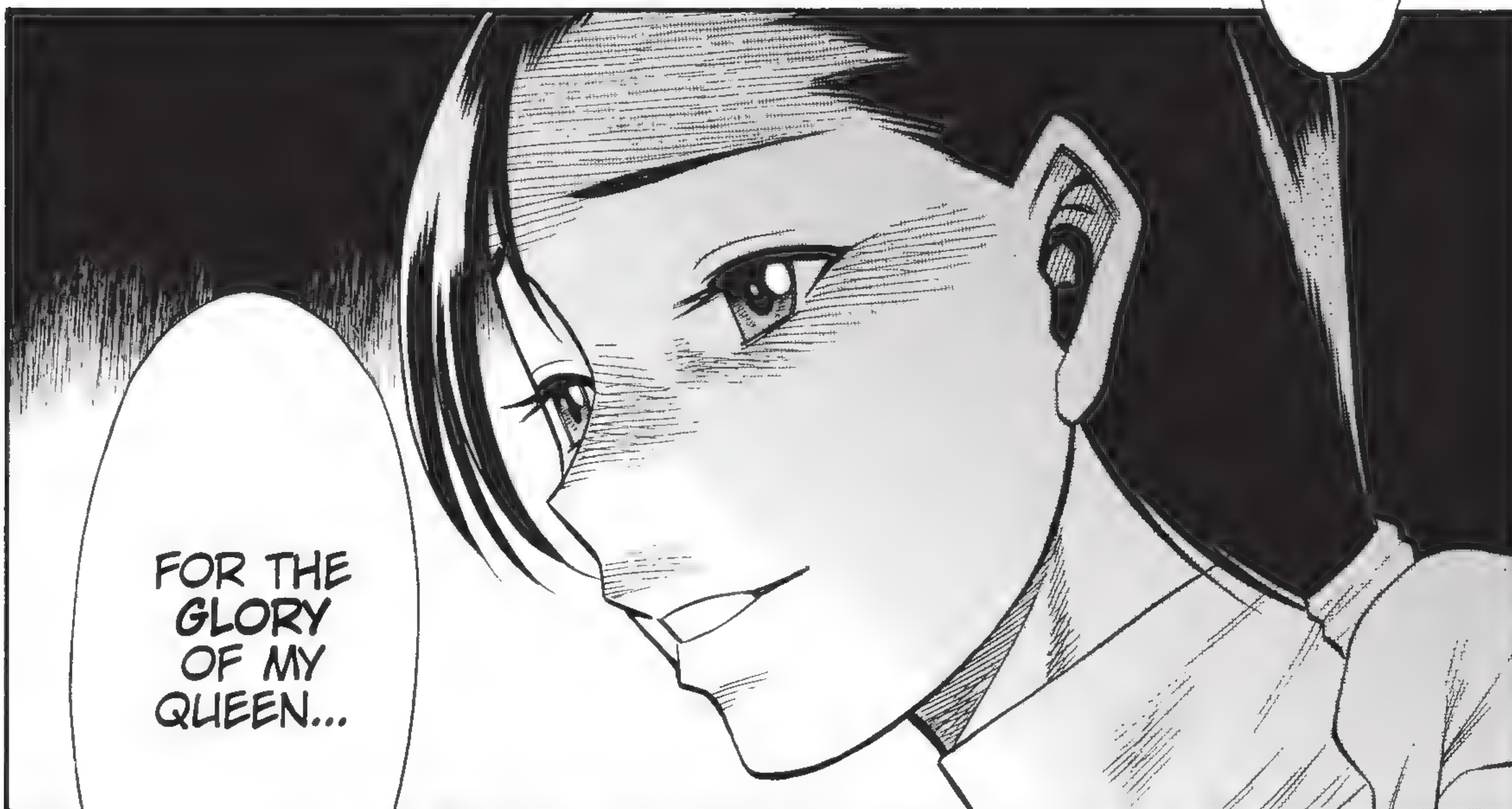
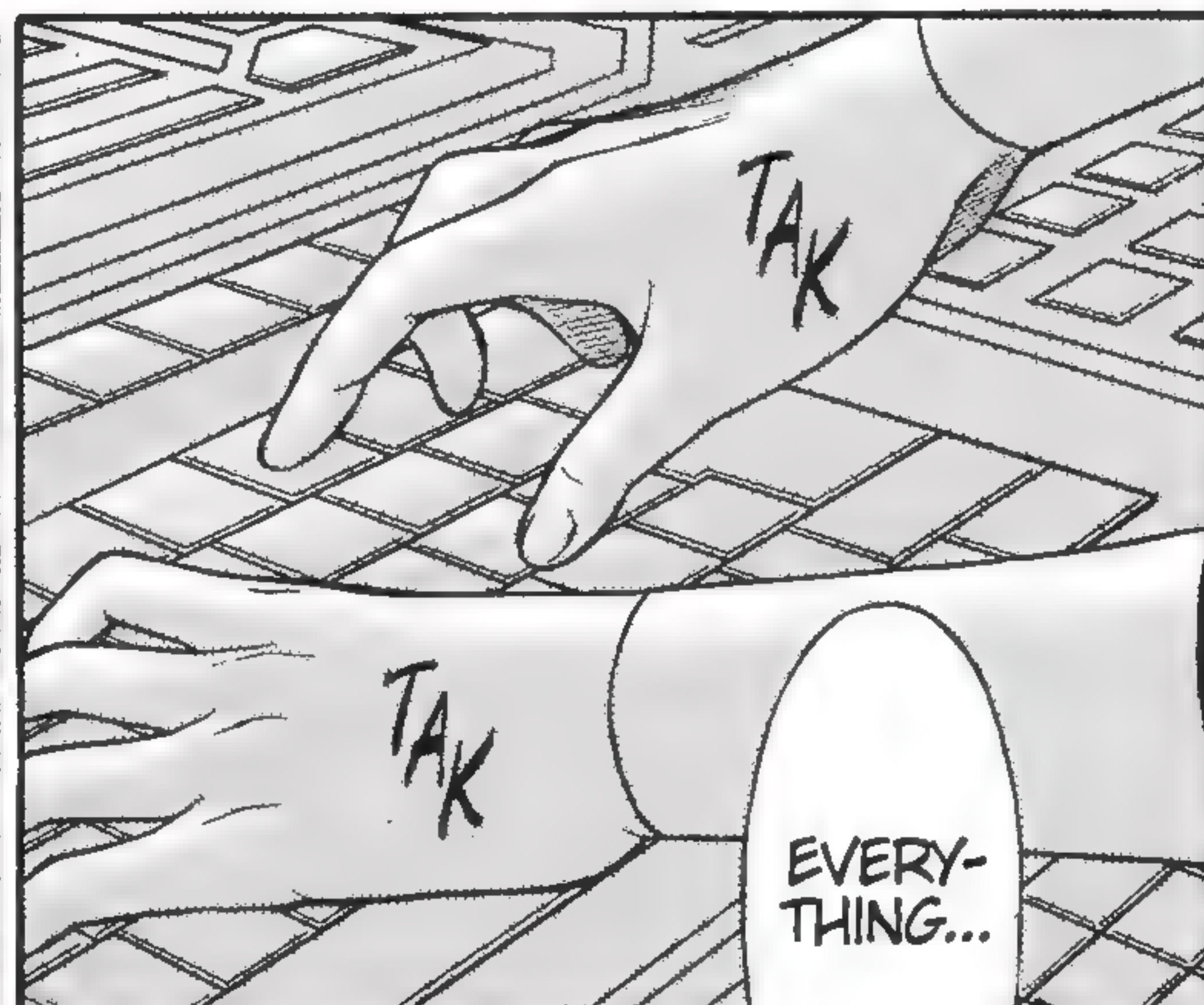
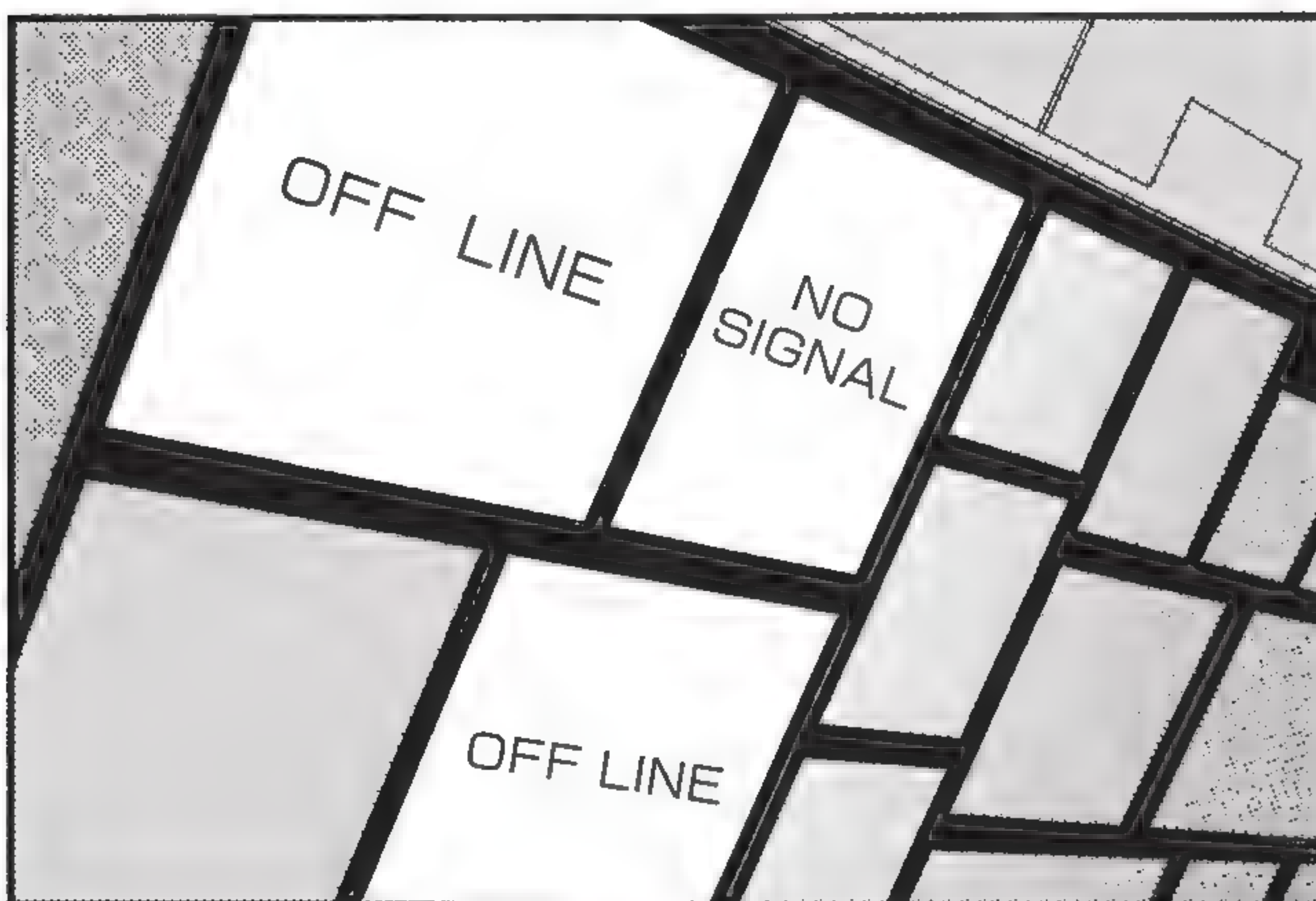
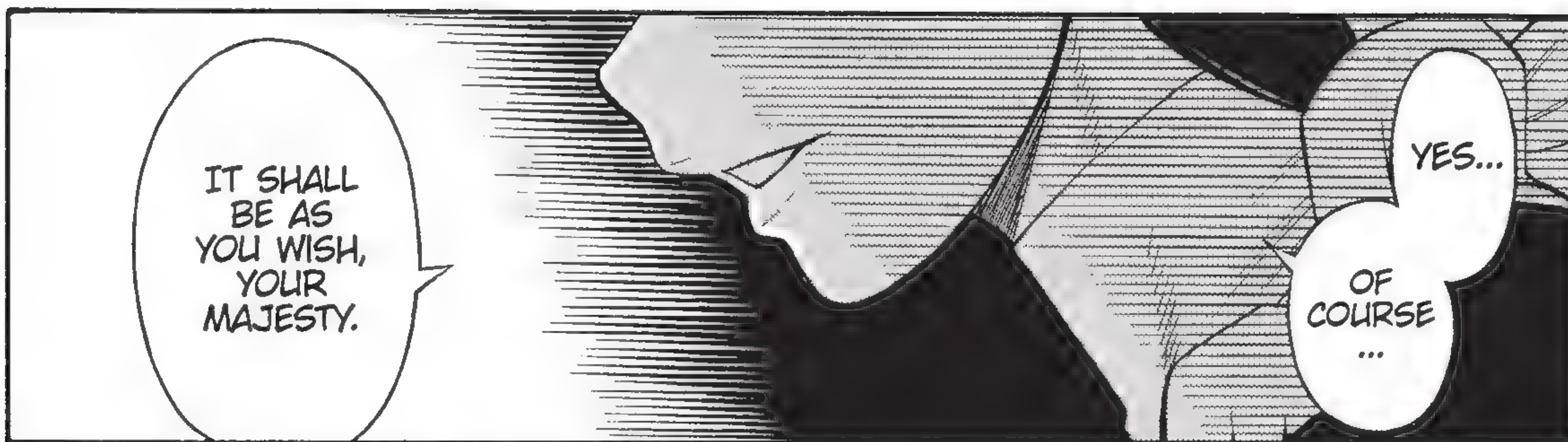








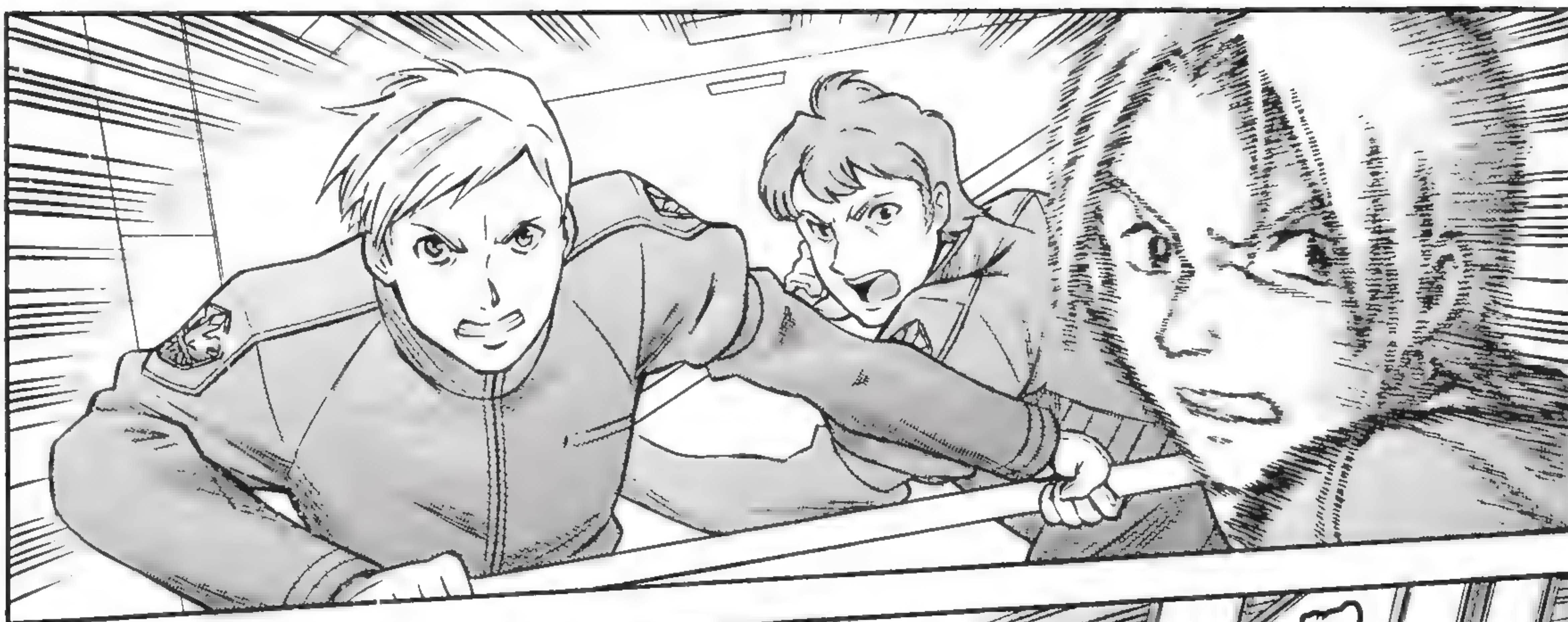










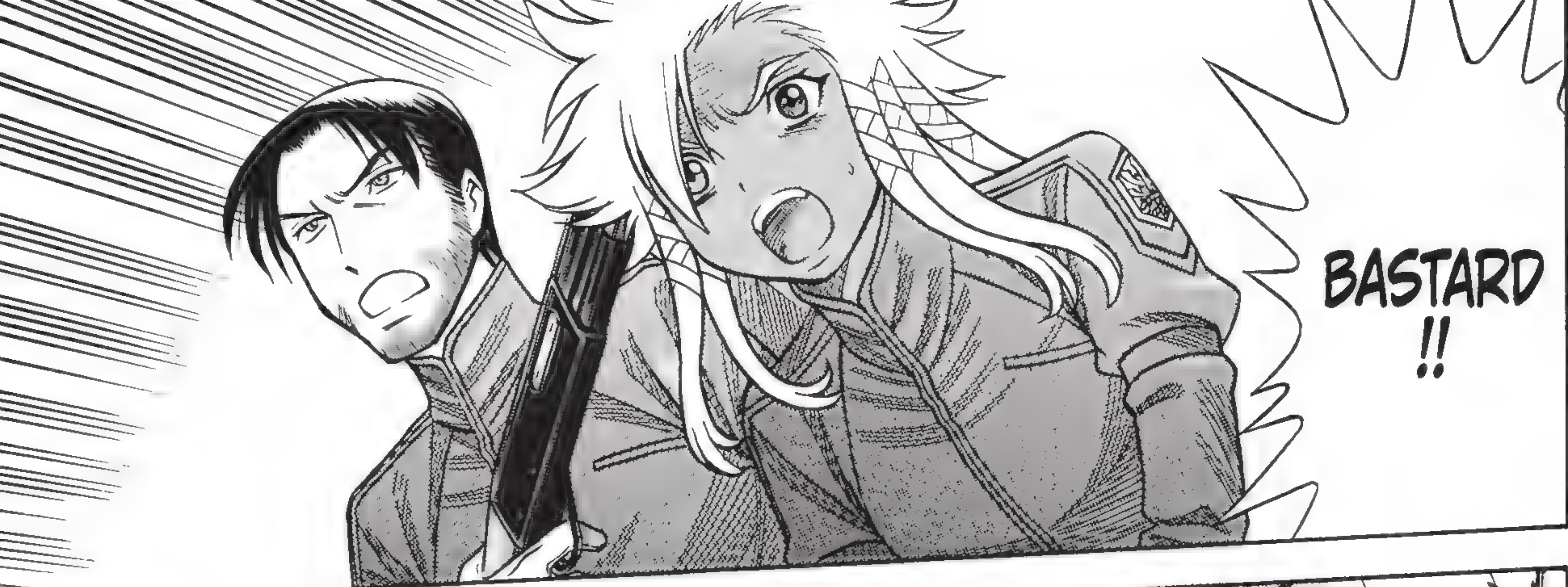




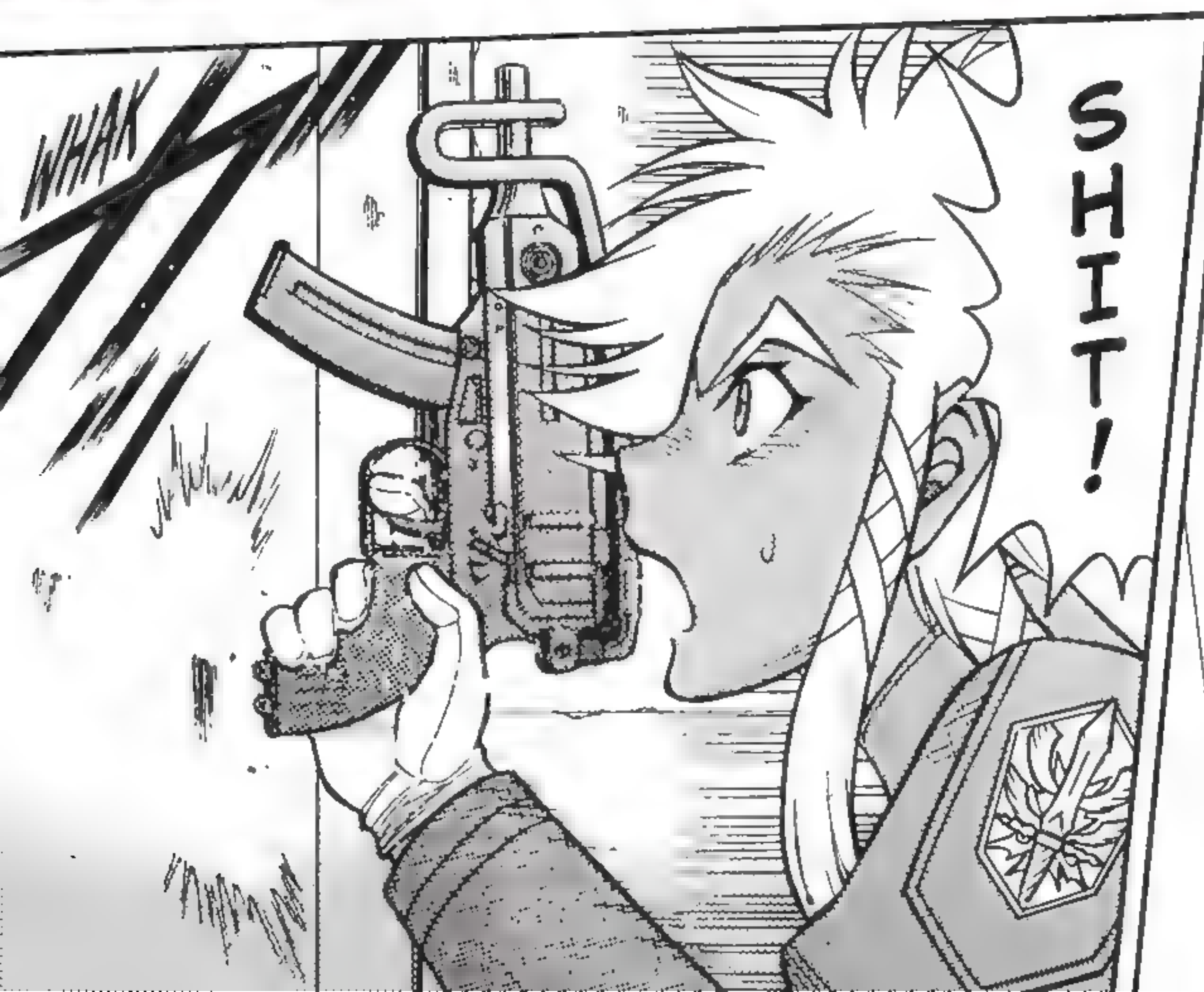
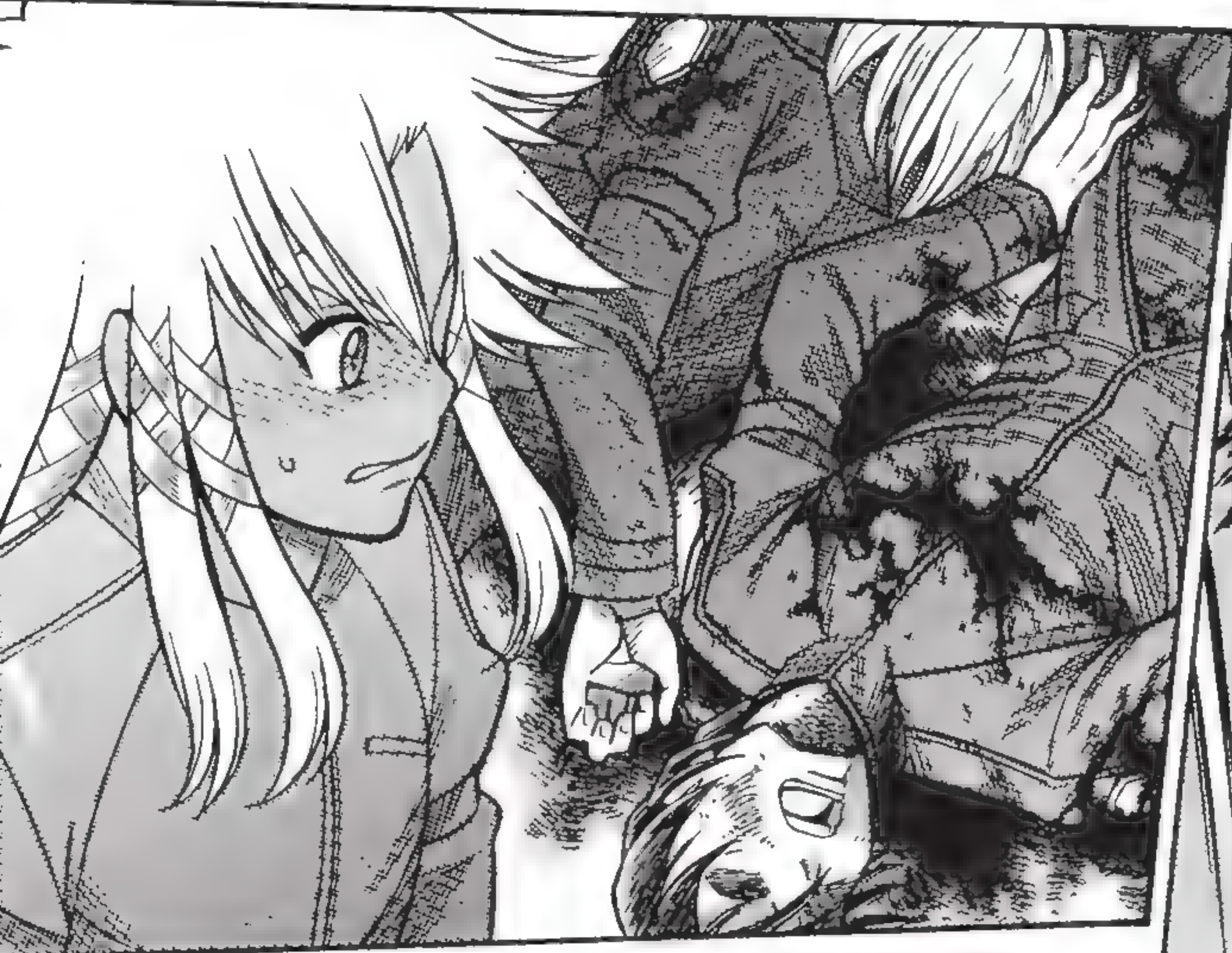


**Chapter 43: Wolf, Never Cry**





BASTARD  
!!



SHIT!







IT SEEMS OUR COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN CUT.

DAMMIT, NO-THING!

THEN THEY HAVE CONTROL OF OUR CENTRAL SECURITY ROOM.



HIME-SAMA?

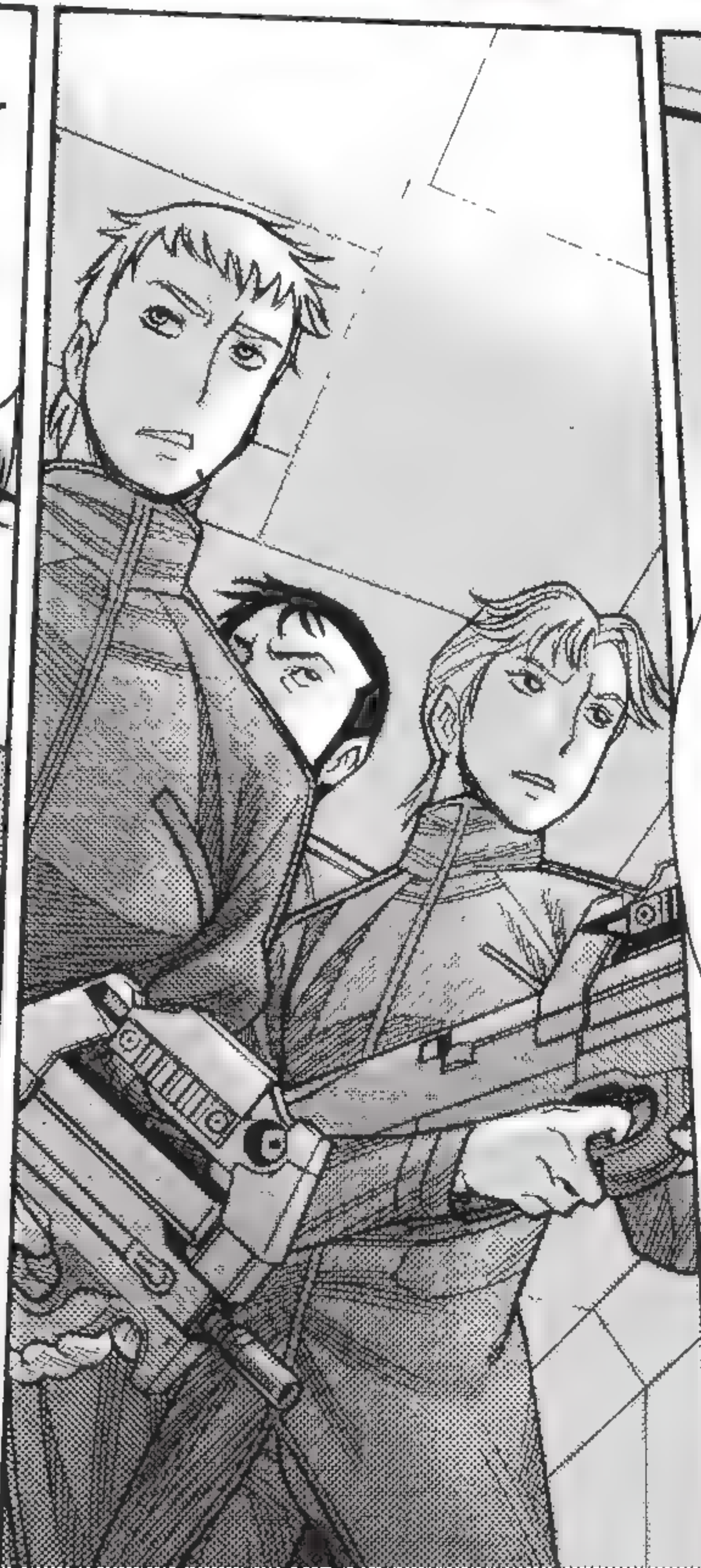
HIME-SAMA!

HIME-SAMA, PLEASE RESPOND!!



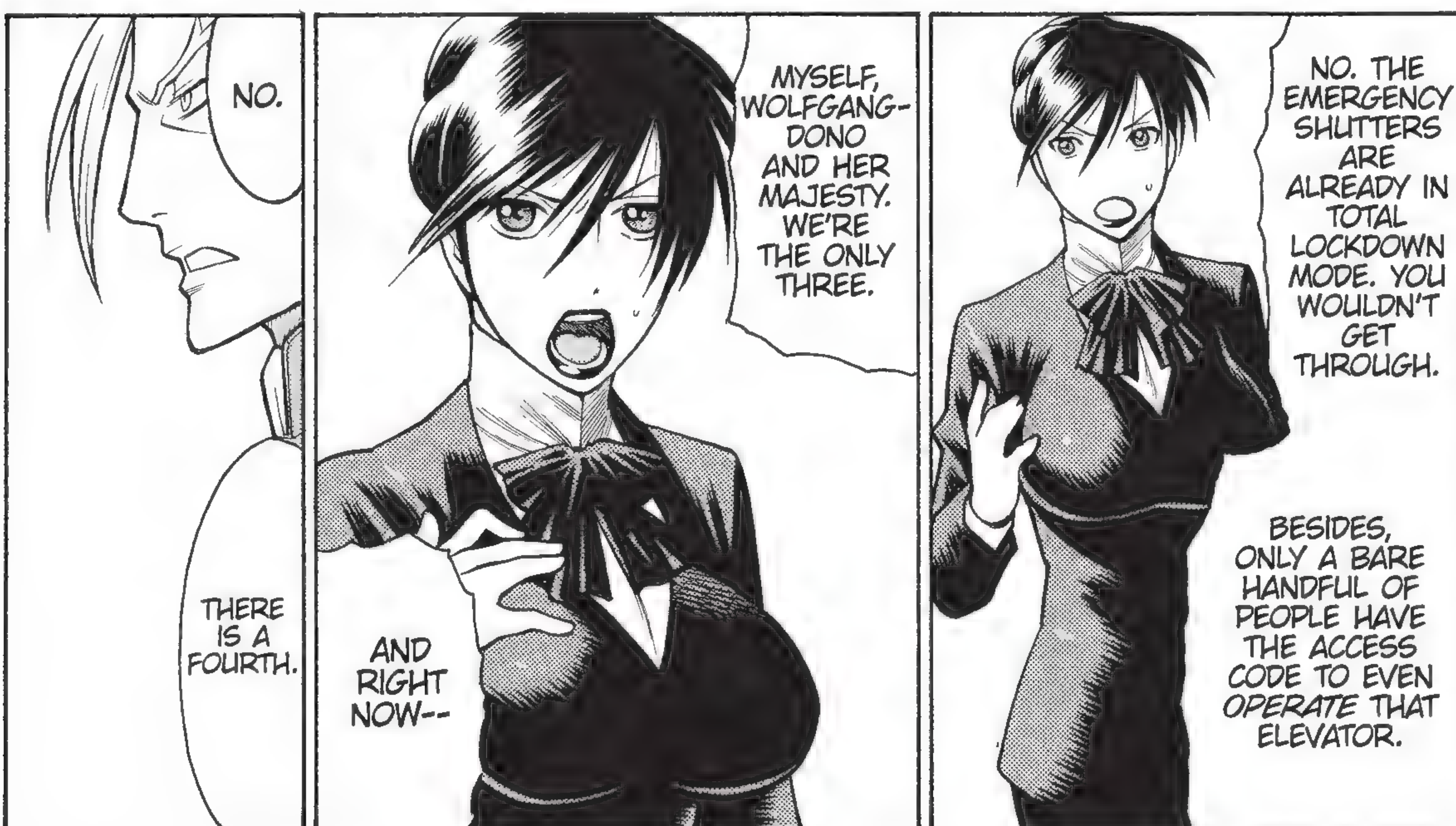
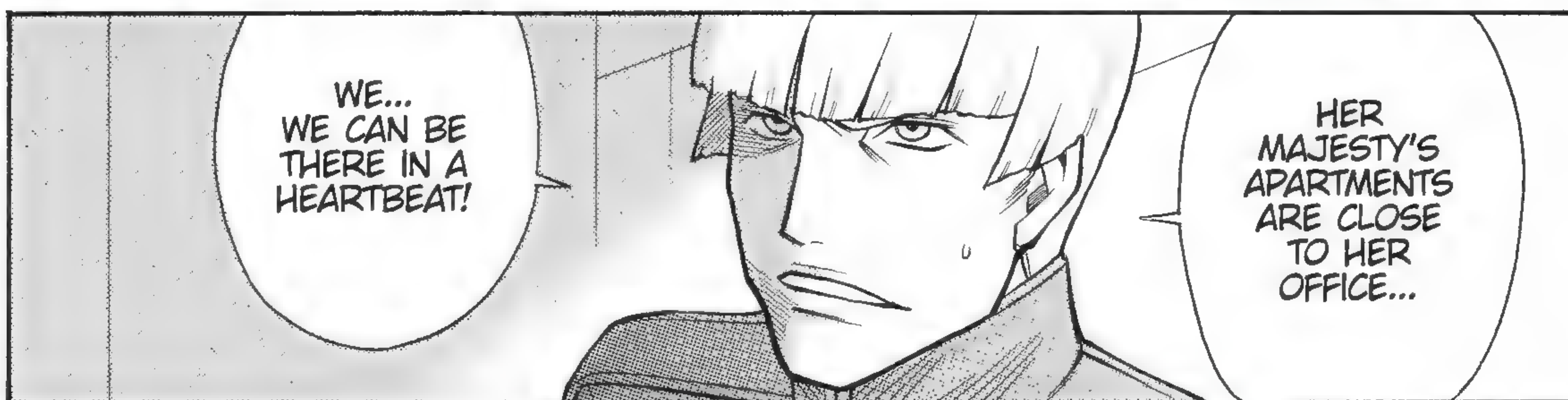
AND HIME-SAMA IS LEFT UN-GUARDED.

HOW COULD WE HAVE SCREWED UP THIS BADLY?!



WE ARE COMPLETELY CUT OFF.











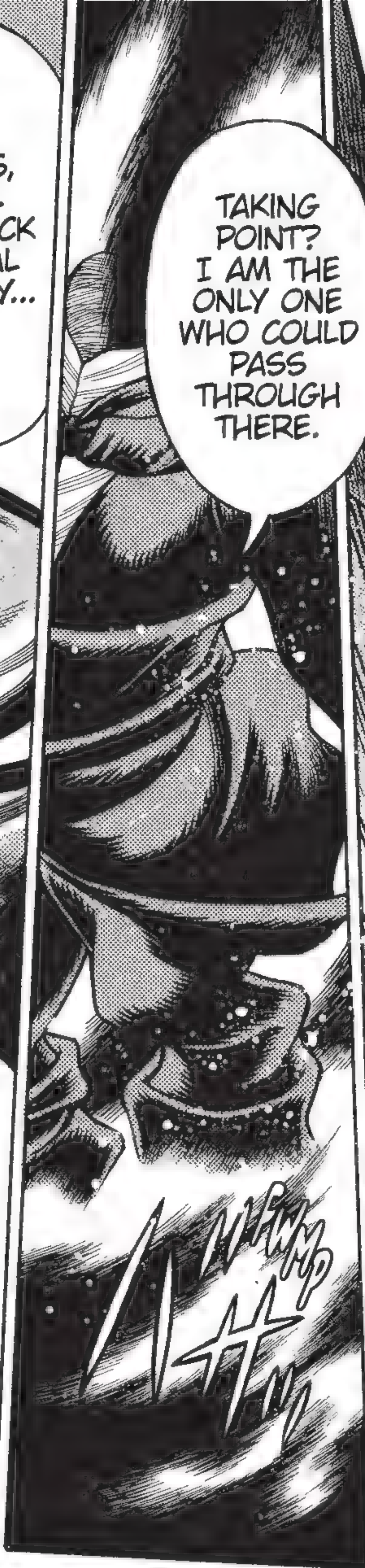




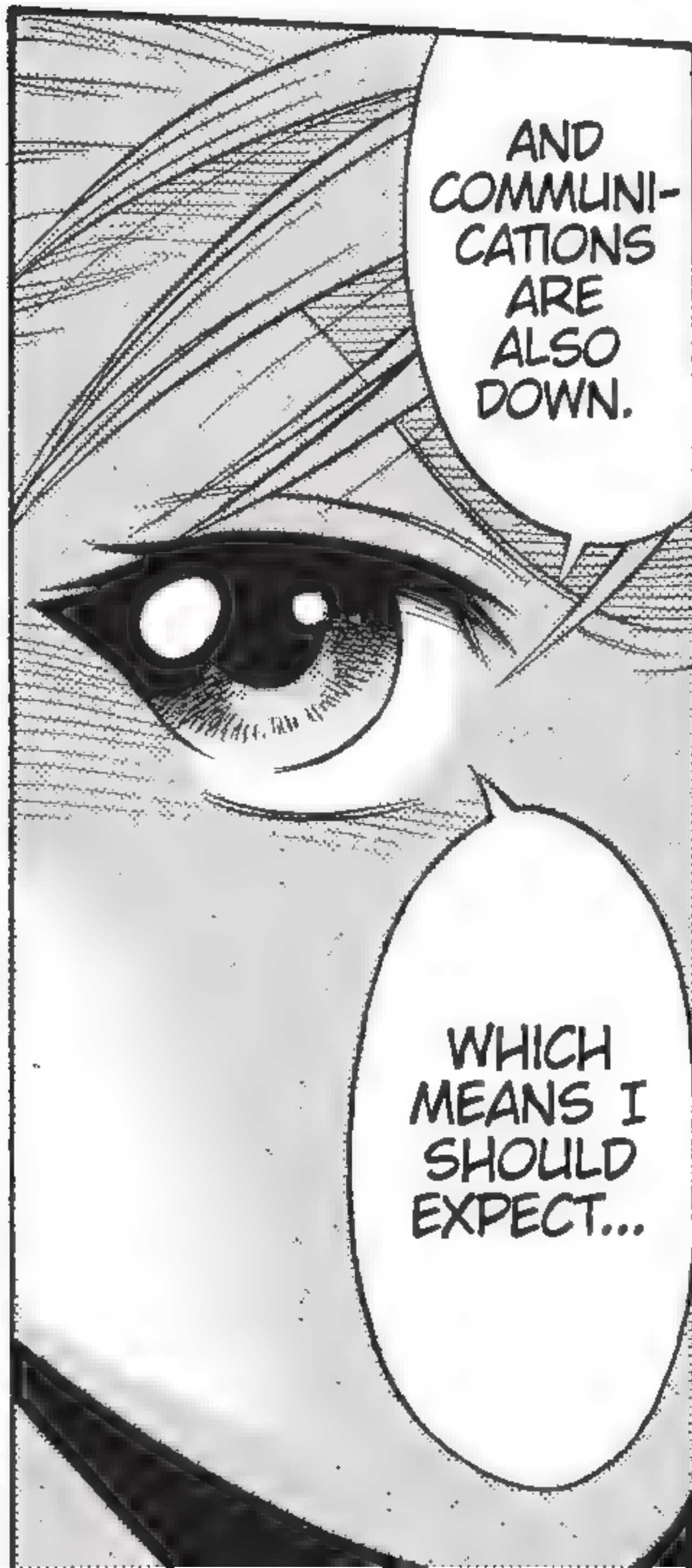


SO YES,  
I WILL  
TAKE BACK  
CENTRAL  
SECURITY...

NO  
MATTER  
WHO  
AWAITS  
ME  
THERE!!



TAKING  
POINT?  
I AM THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO COULD  
PASS  
THROUGH  
THERE.

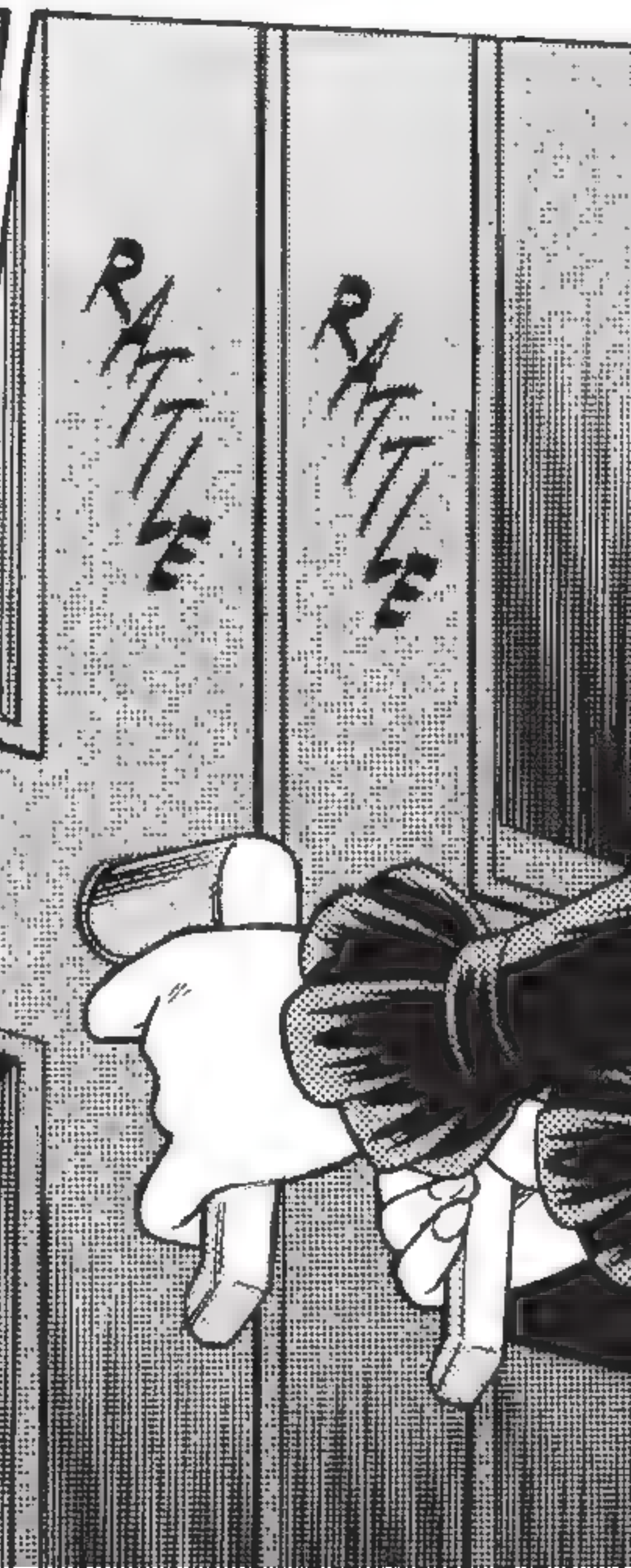


AND  
COMMUNI-  
CATIONS  
ARE  
ALSO  
DOWN.

WHICH  
MEANS I  
SHOULD  
EXPECT...



SO  
THIS IS  
LOCKED  
AS  
WELL.



RATTLE  
RATTLE

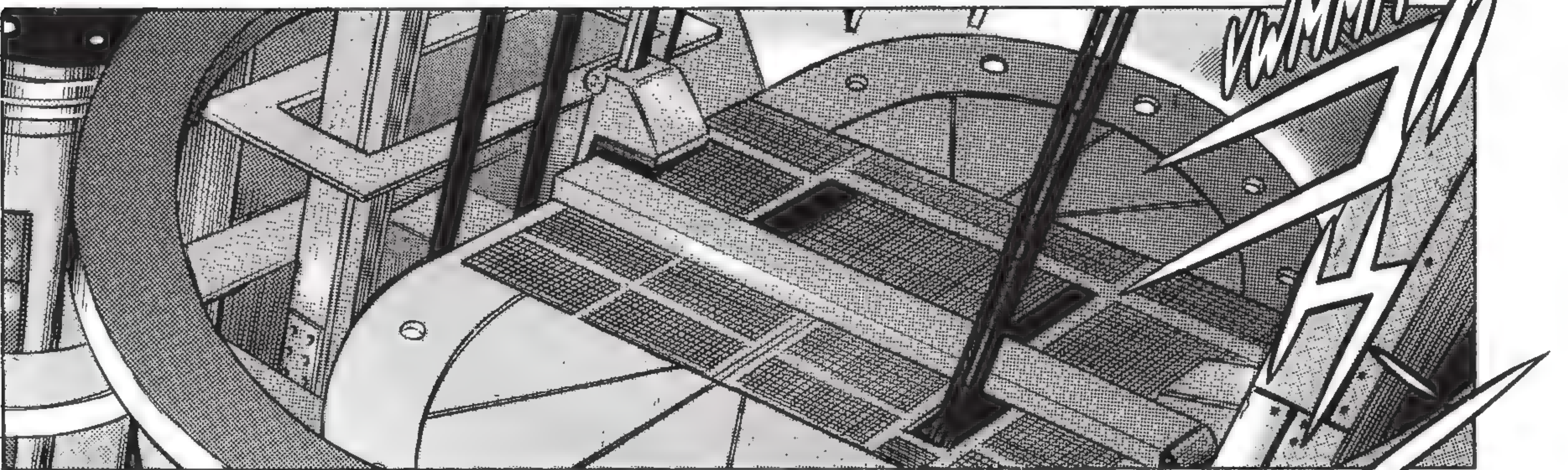
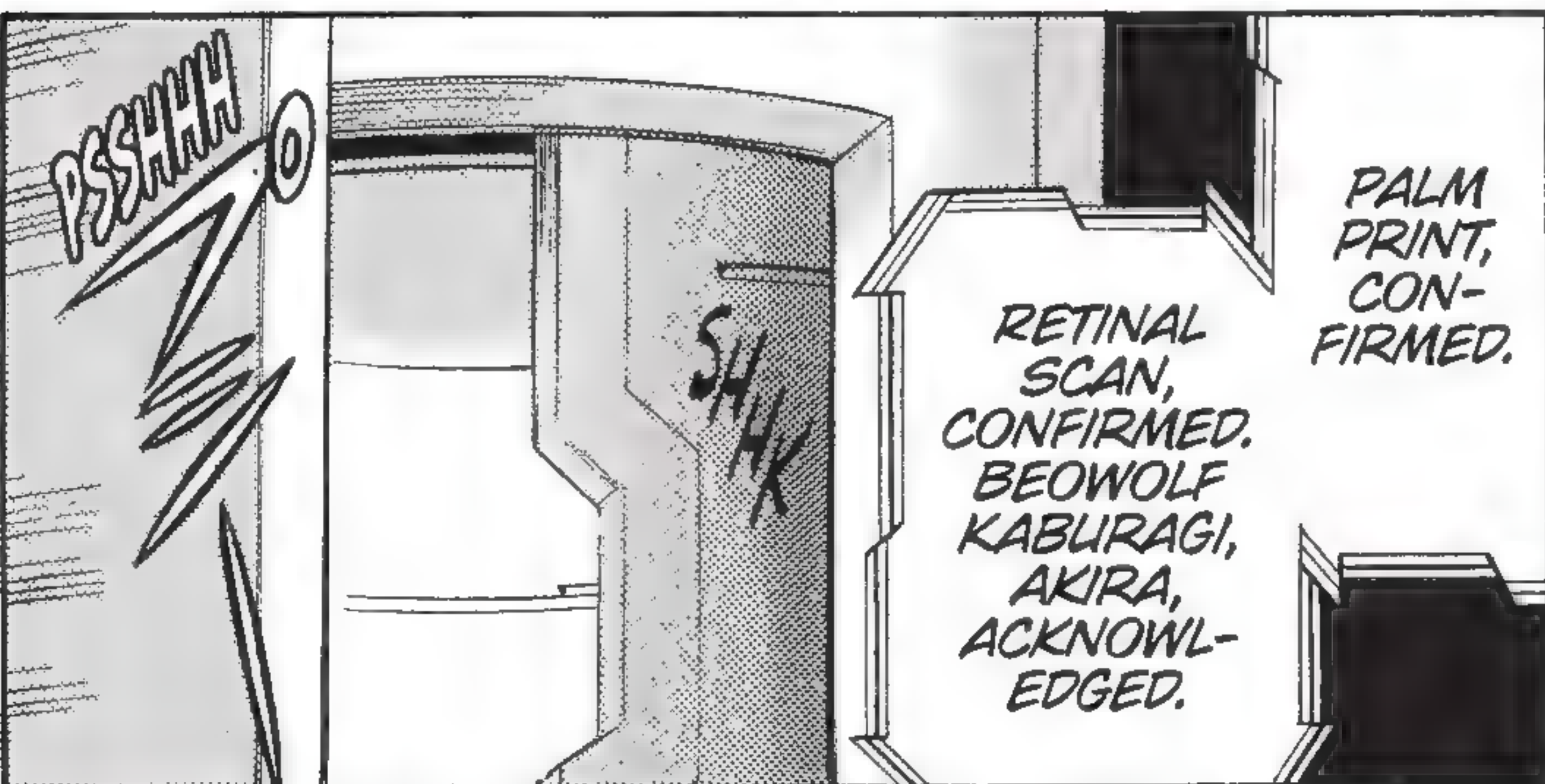
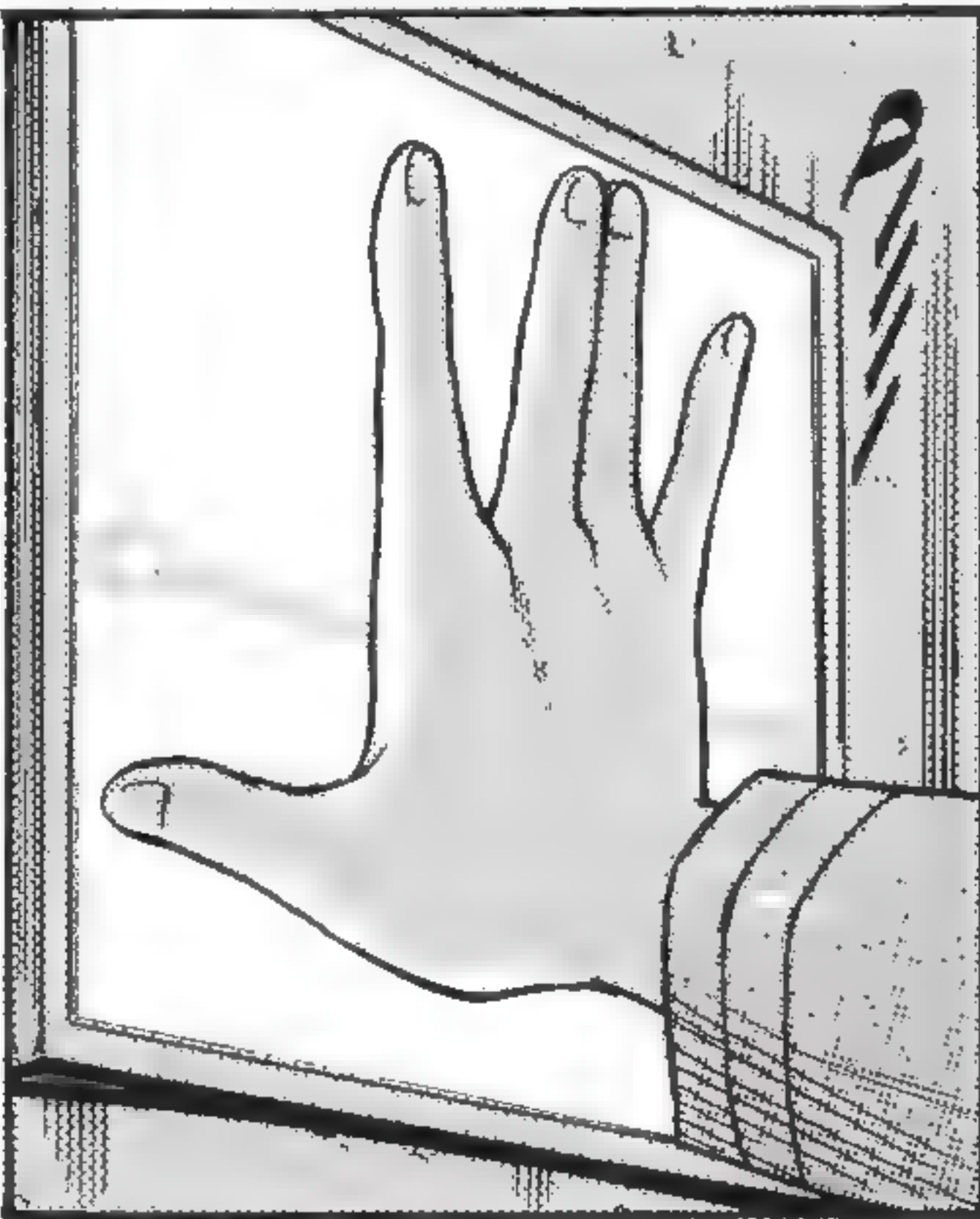
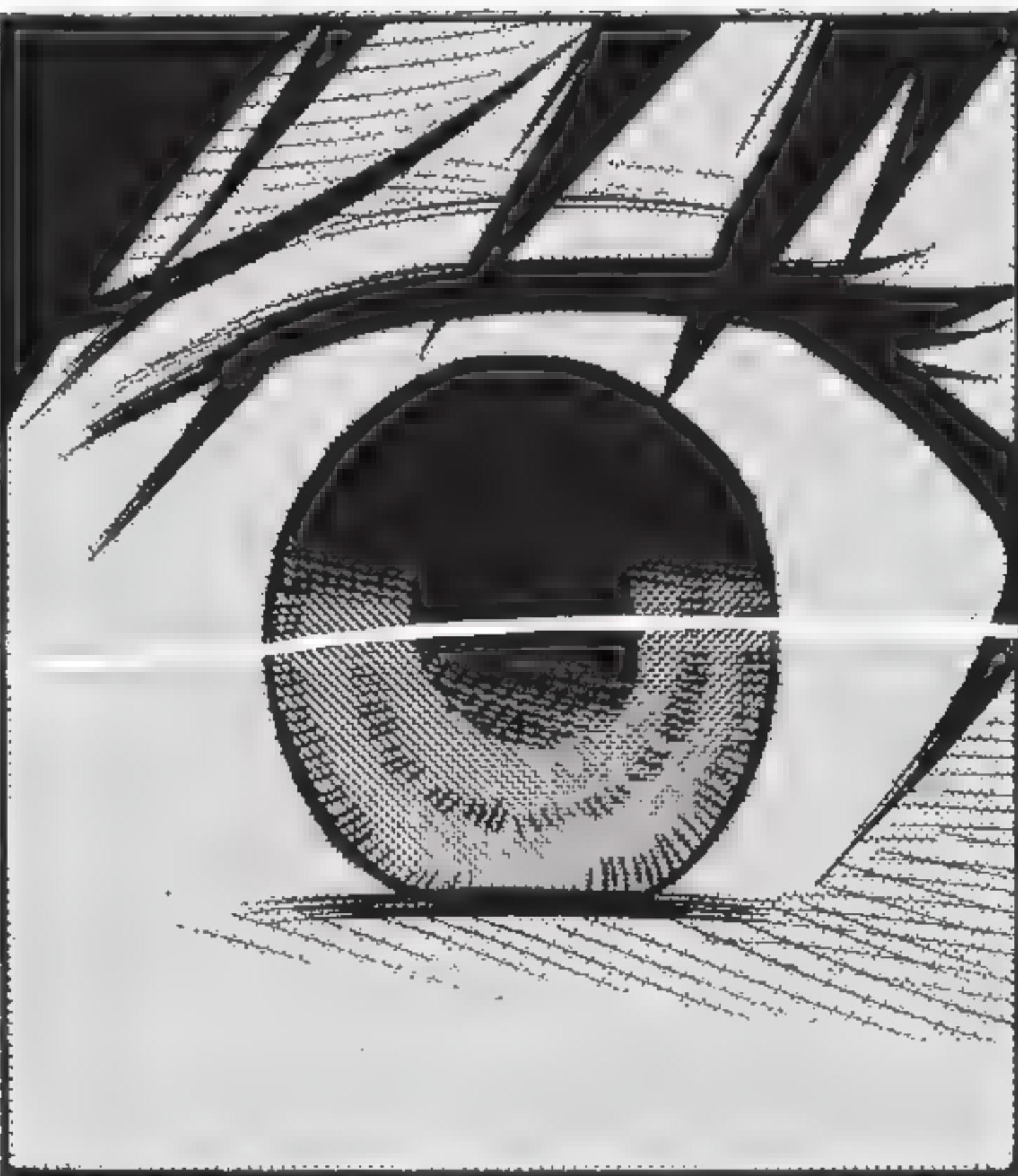
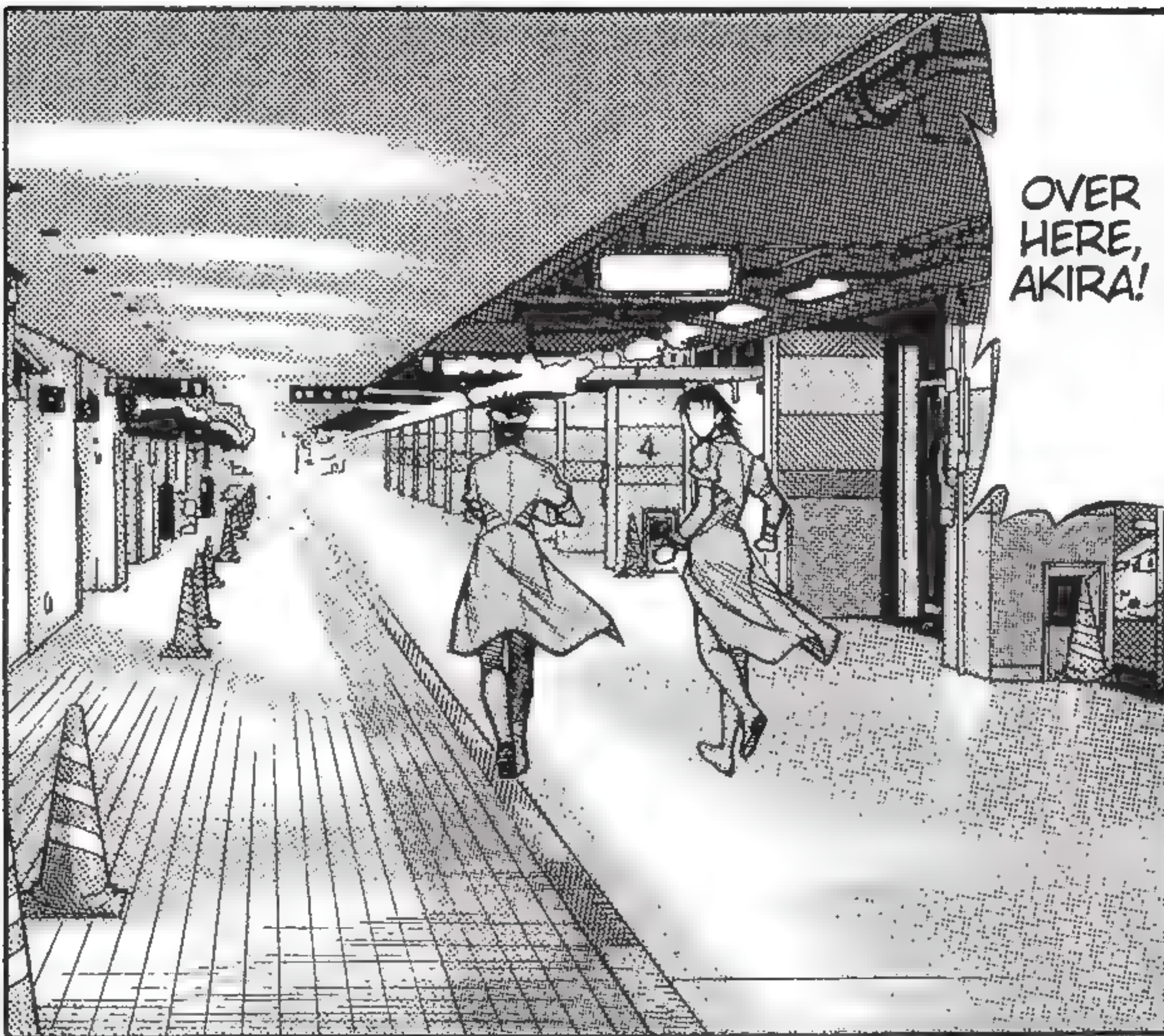




YOU.  
OF  
COURSE.



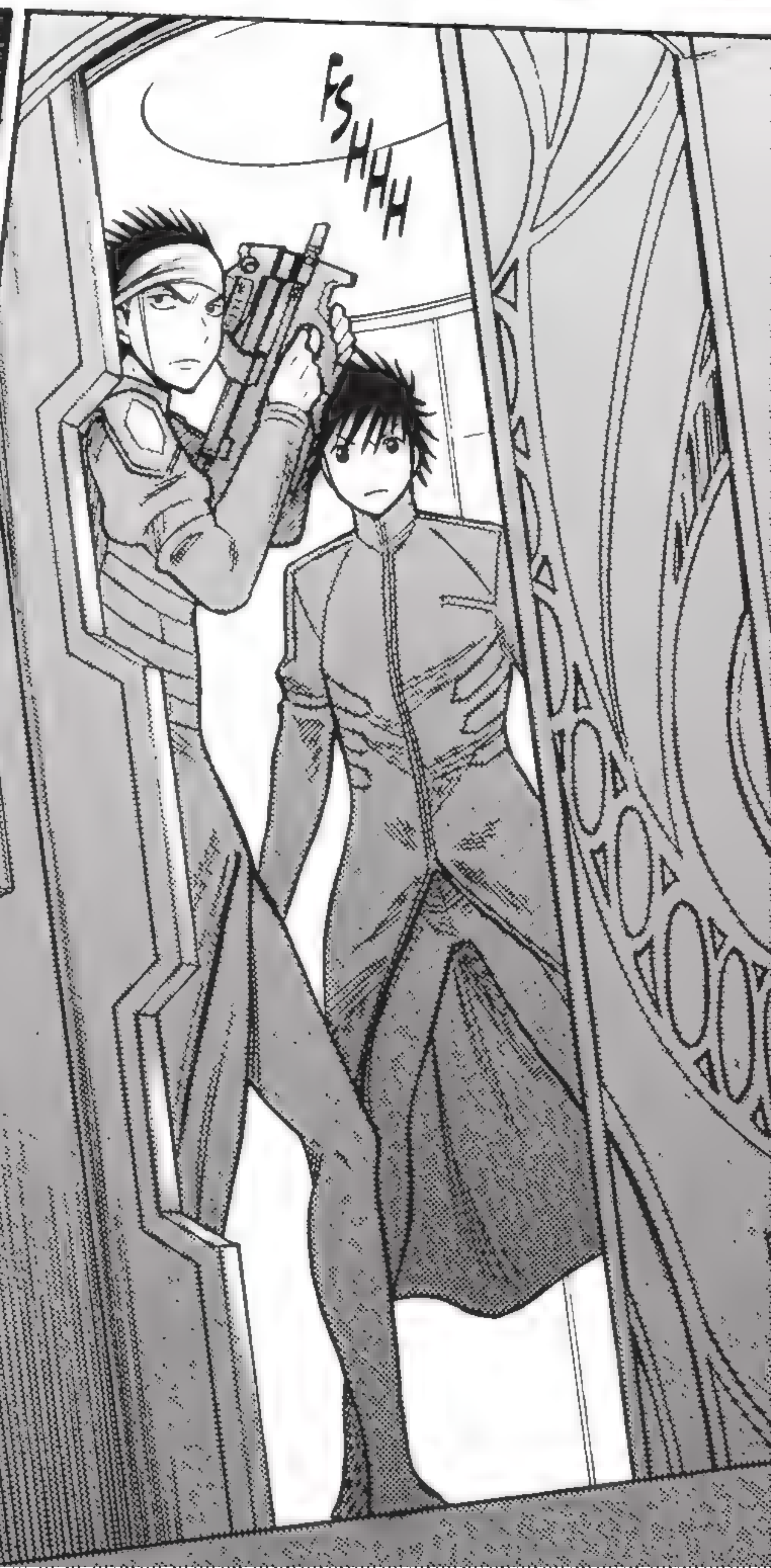
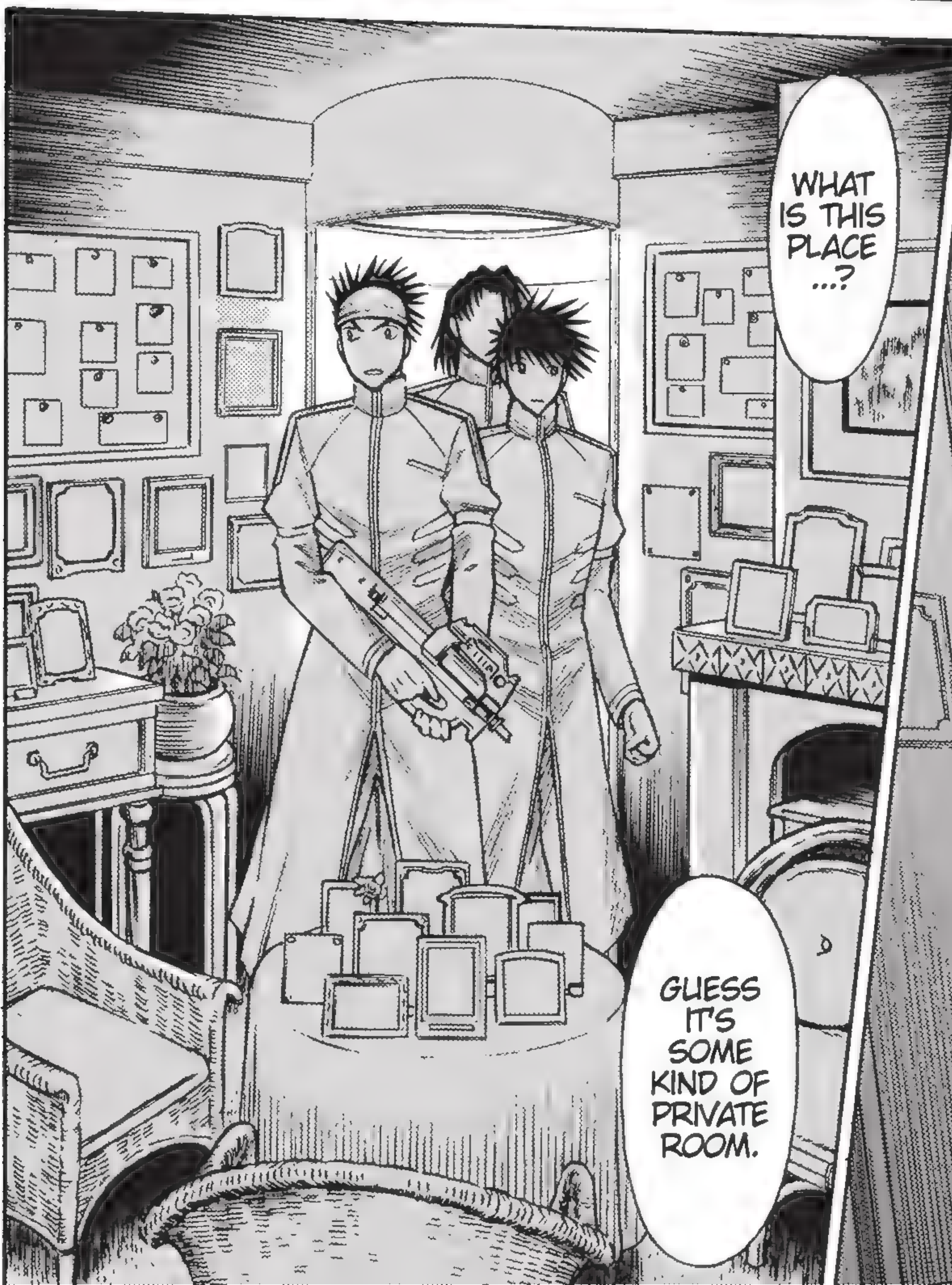
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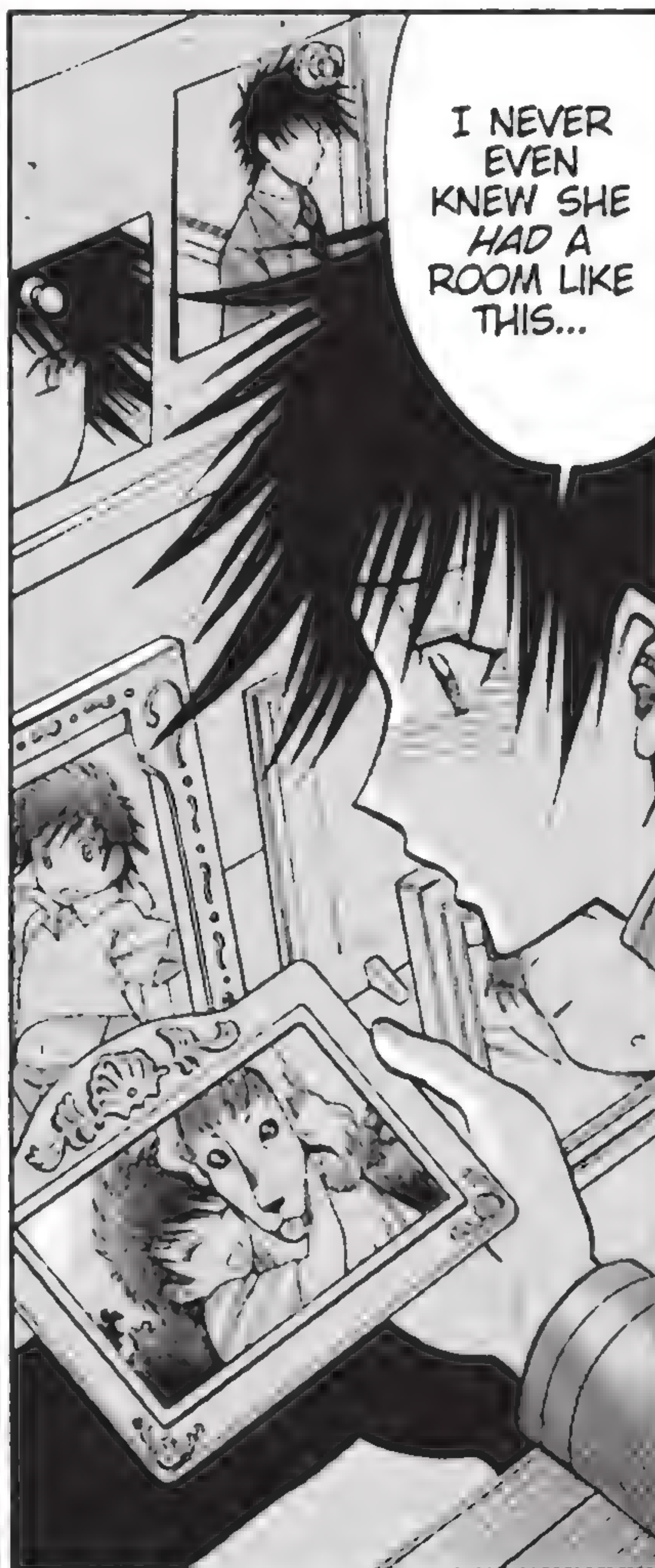
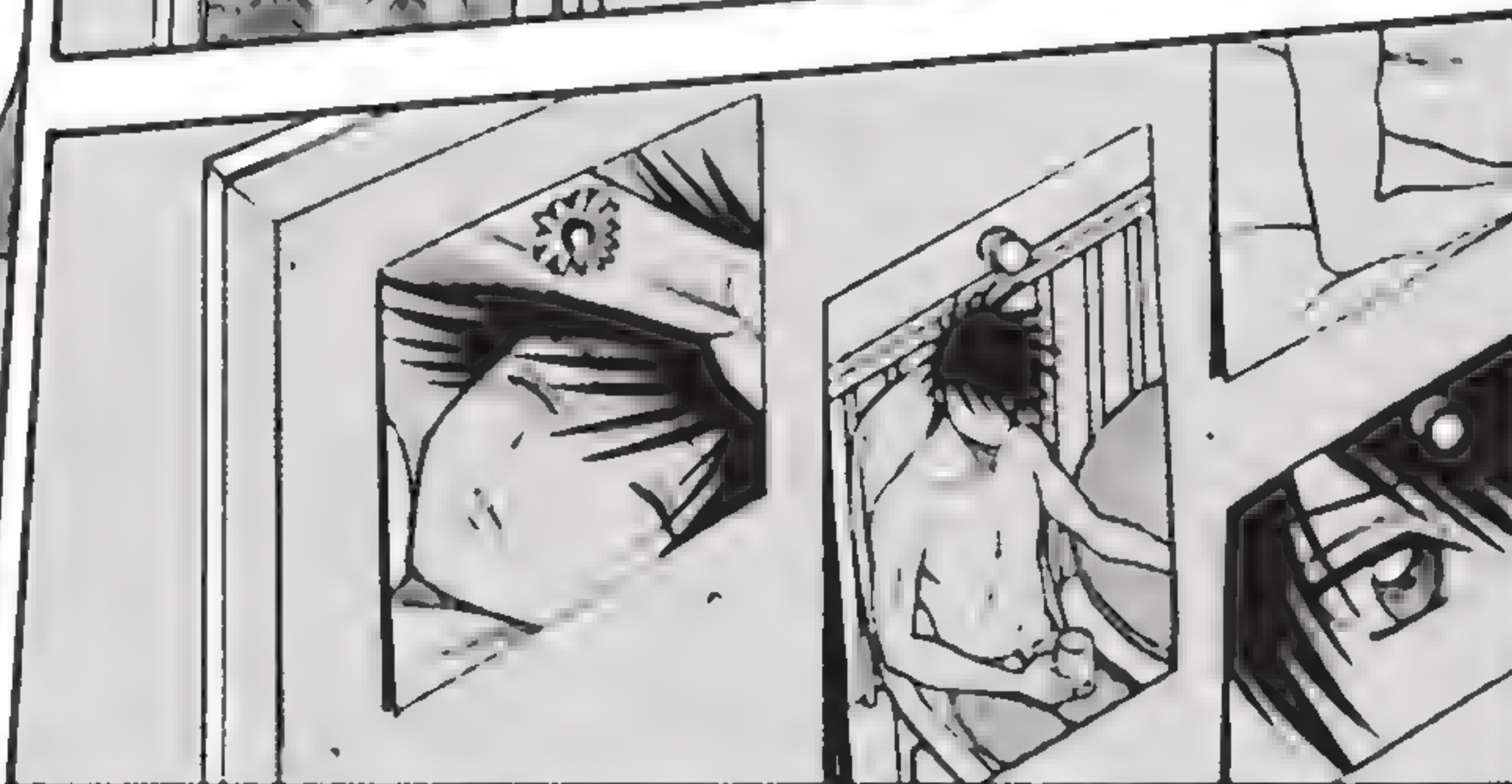




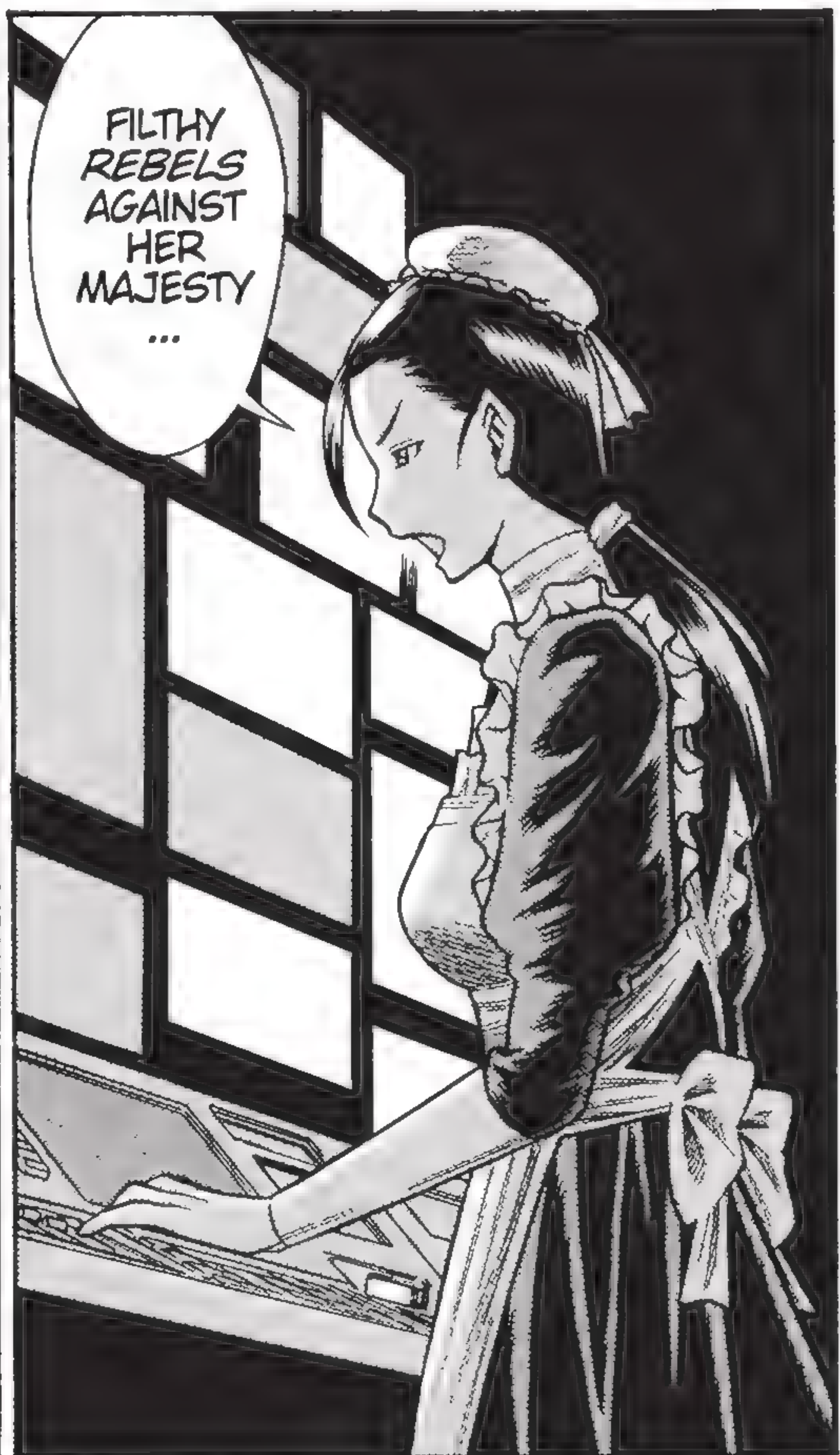
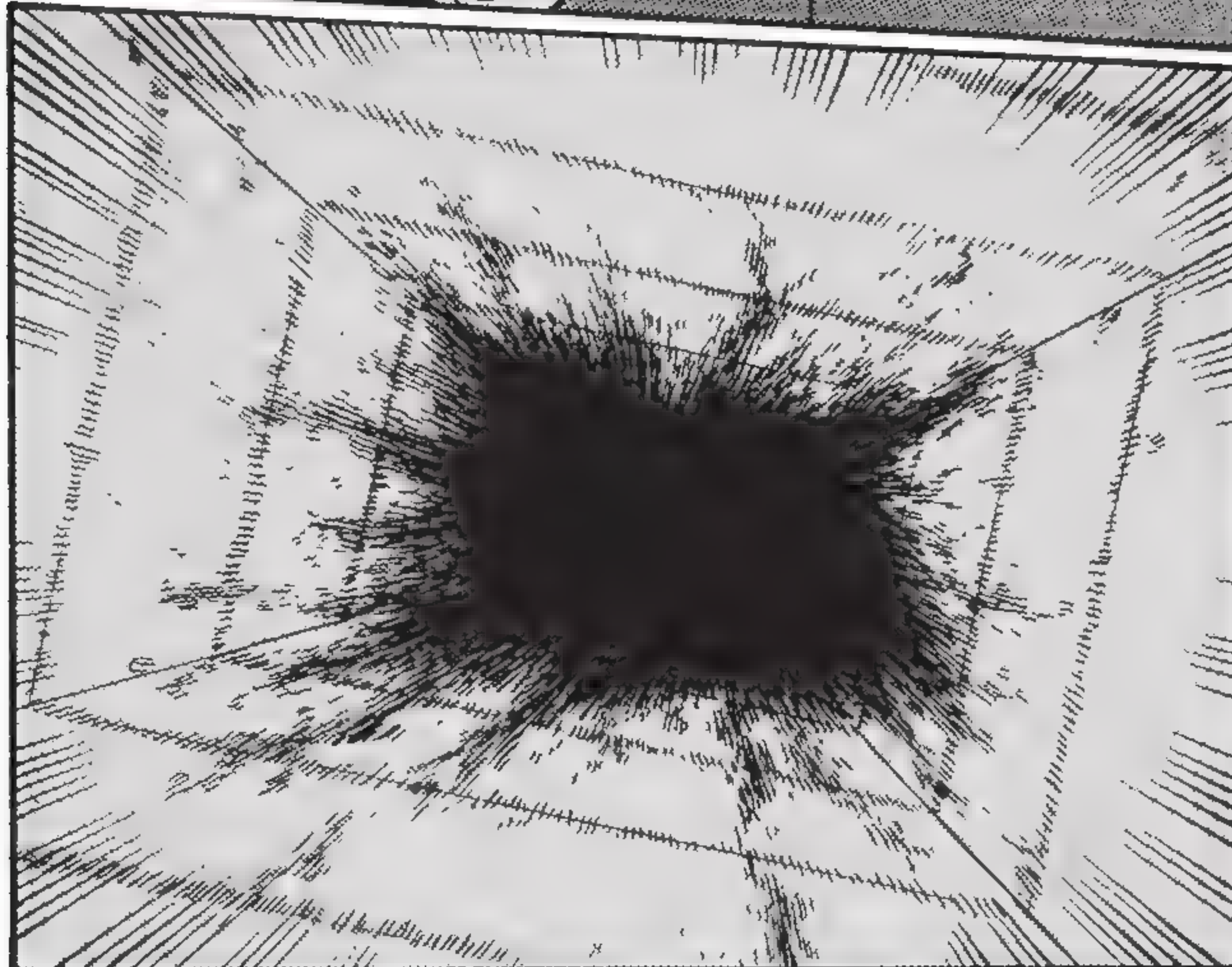
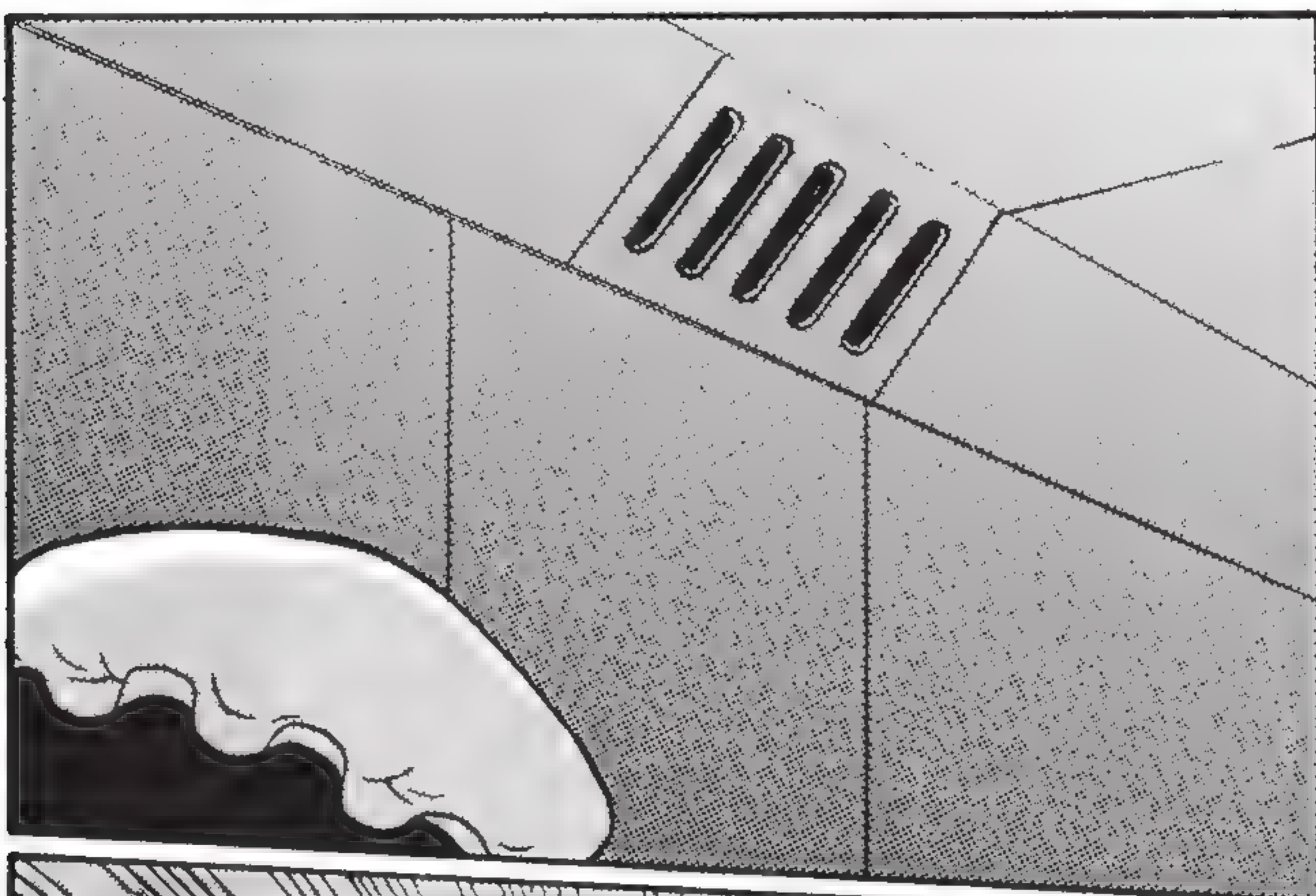
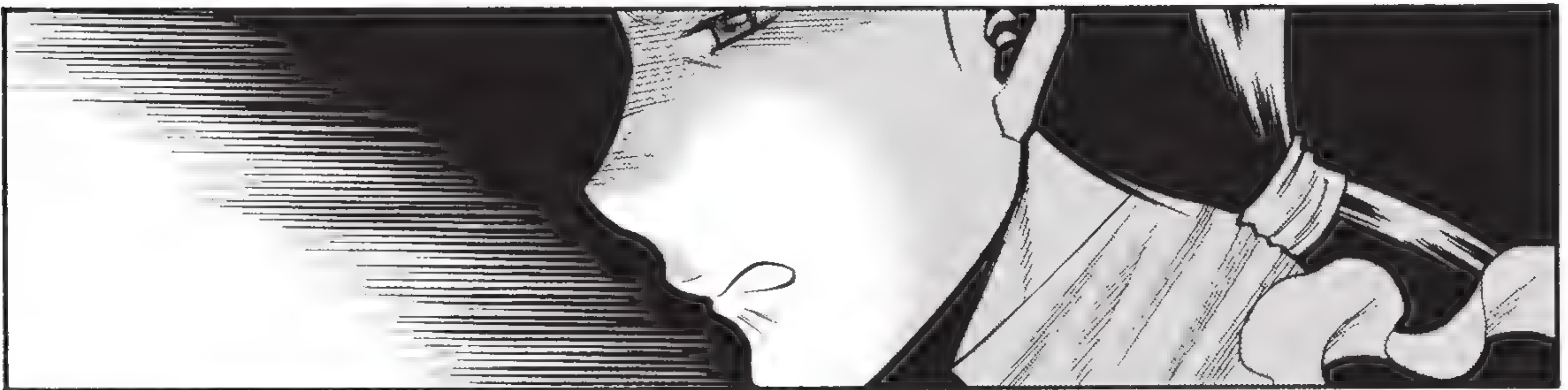
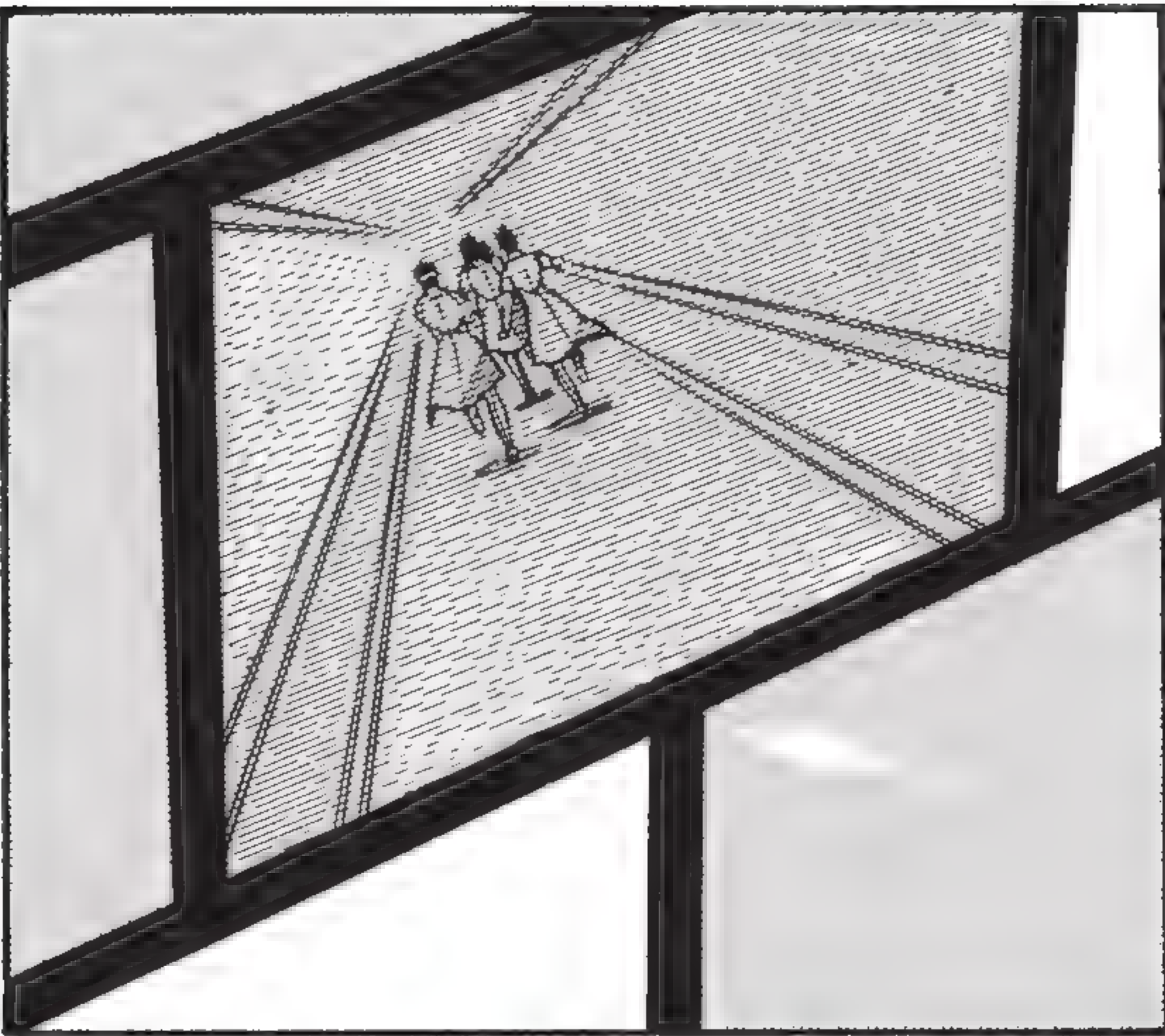








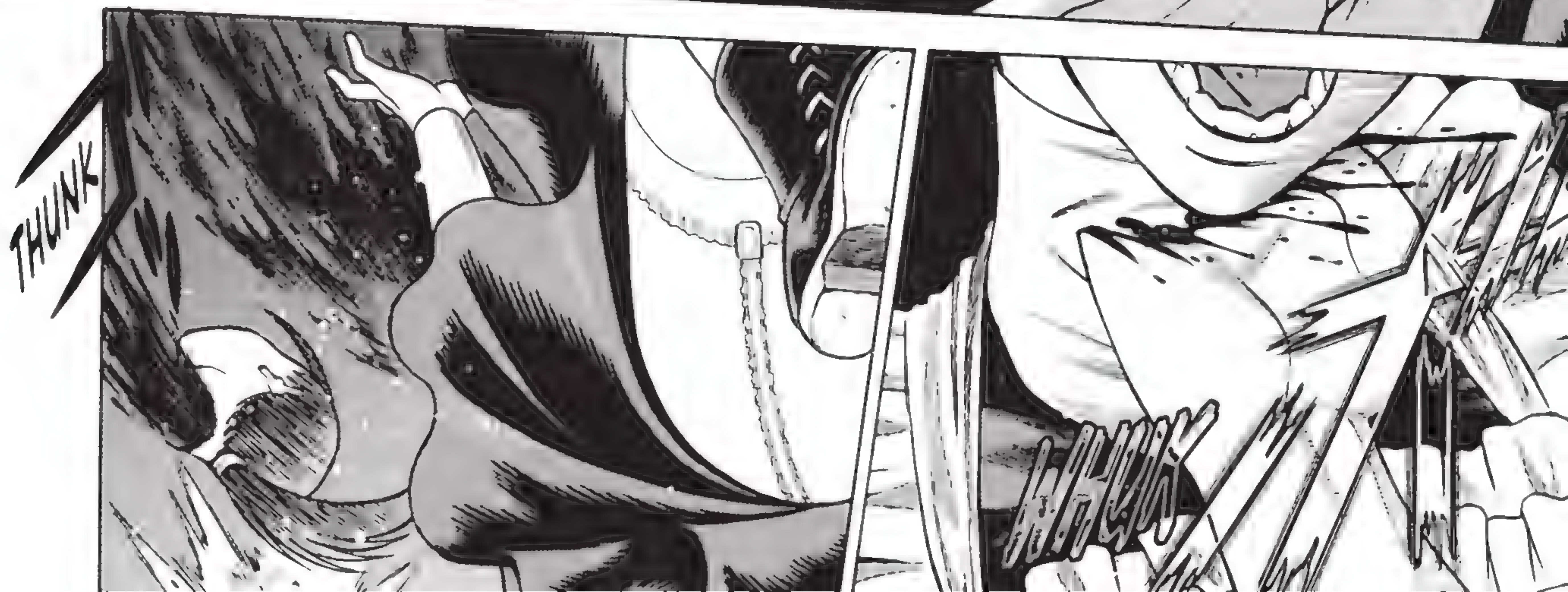
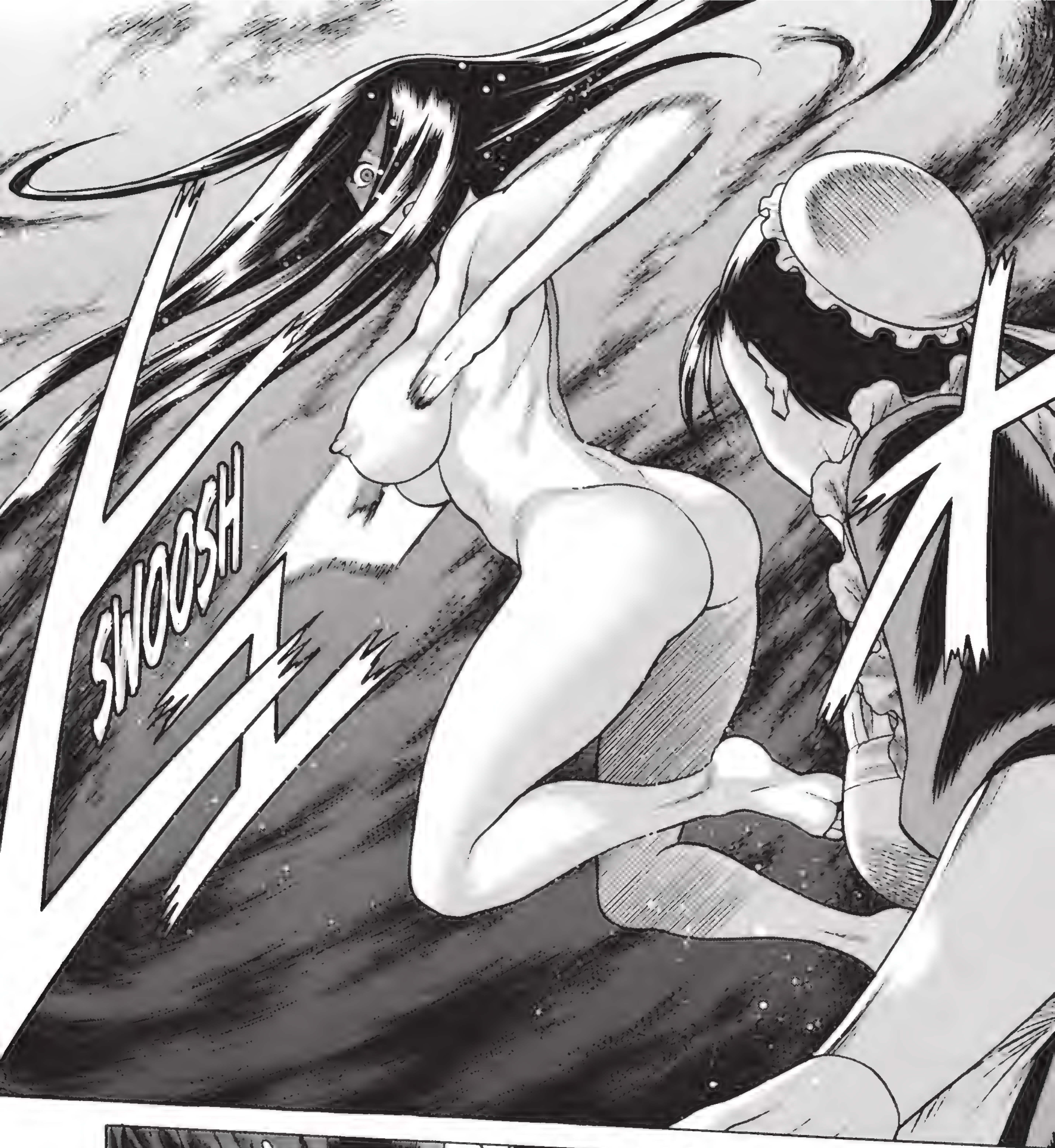




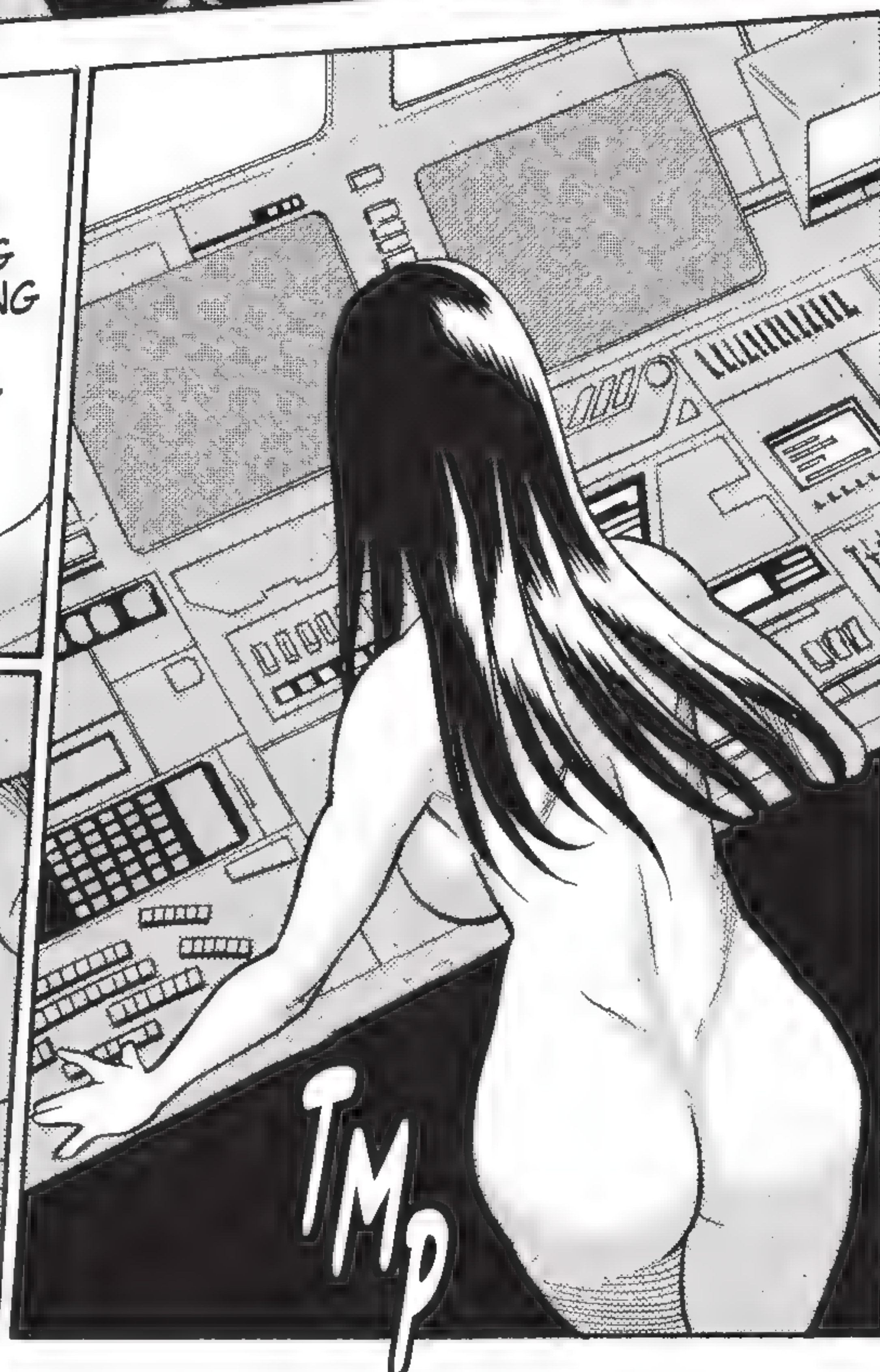




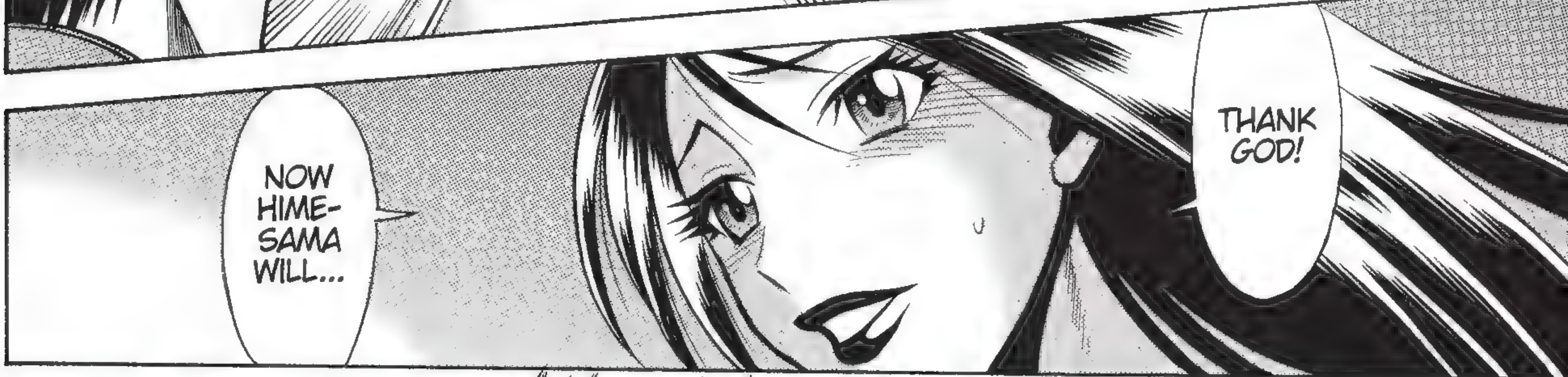
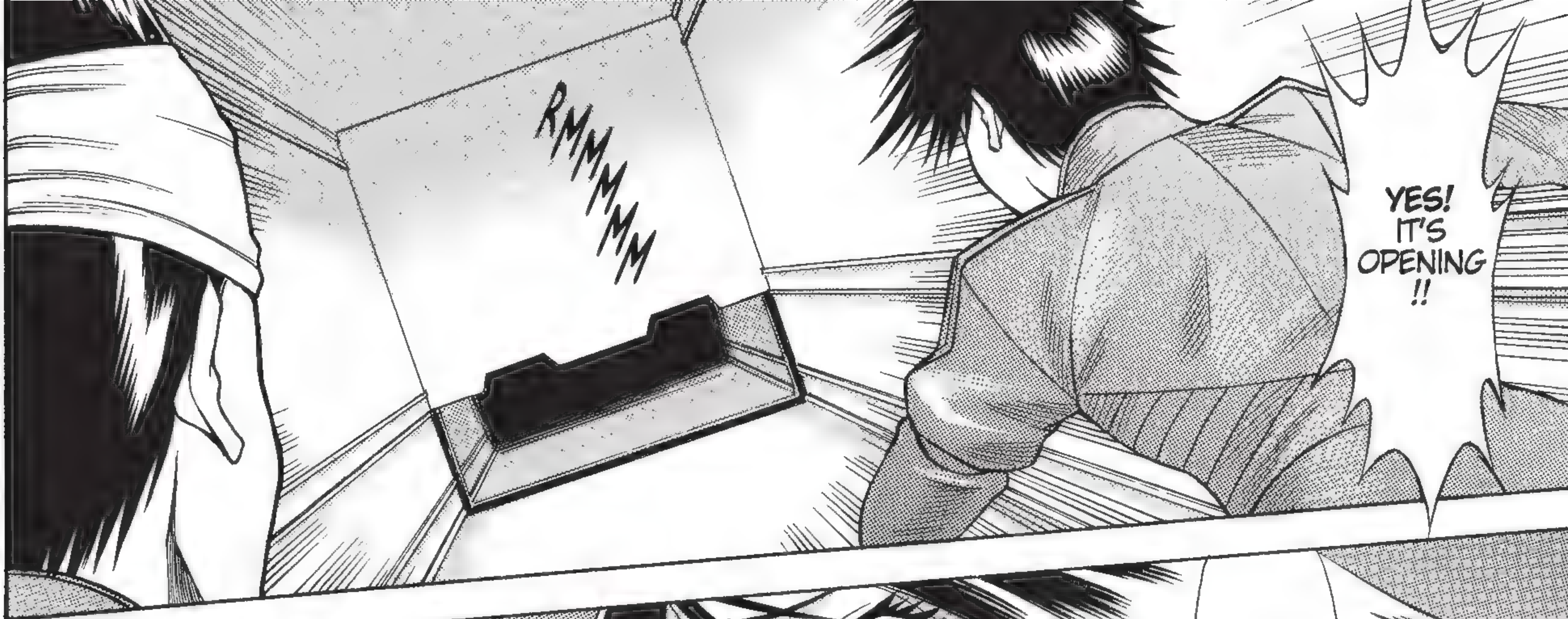




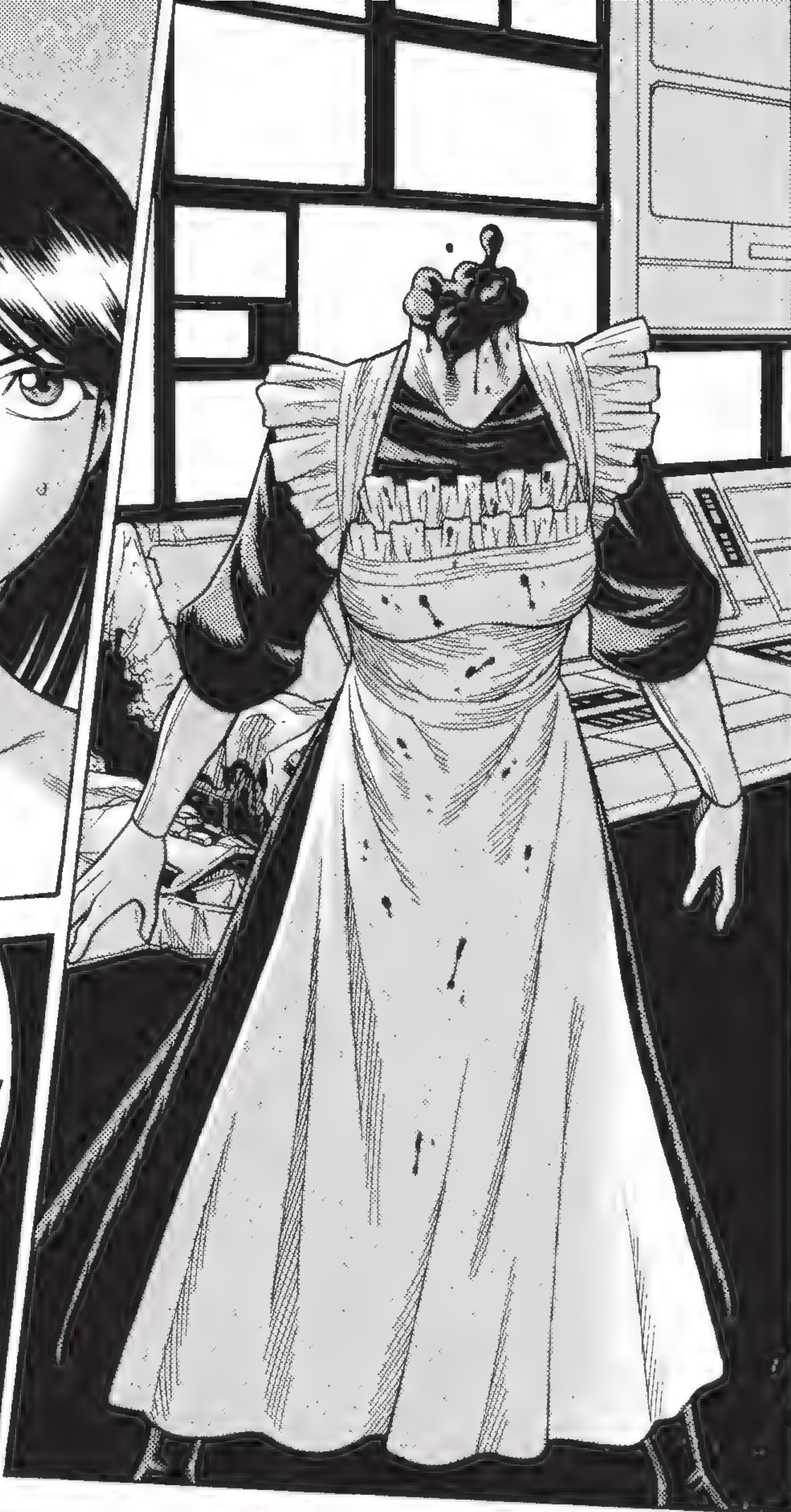




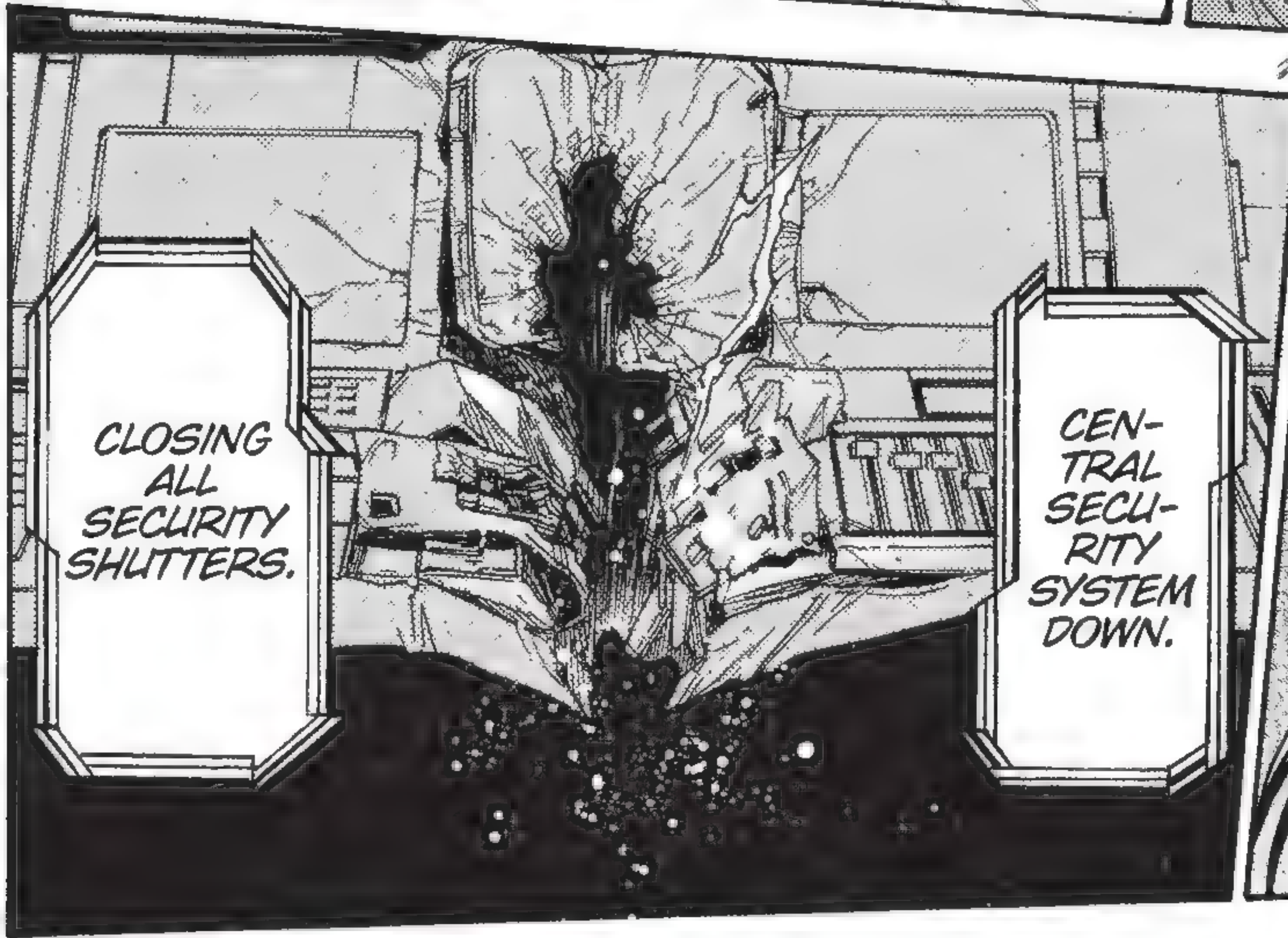




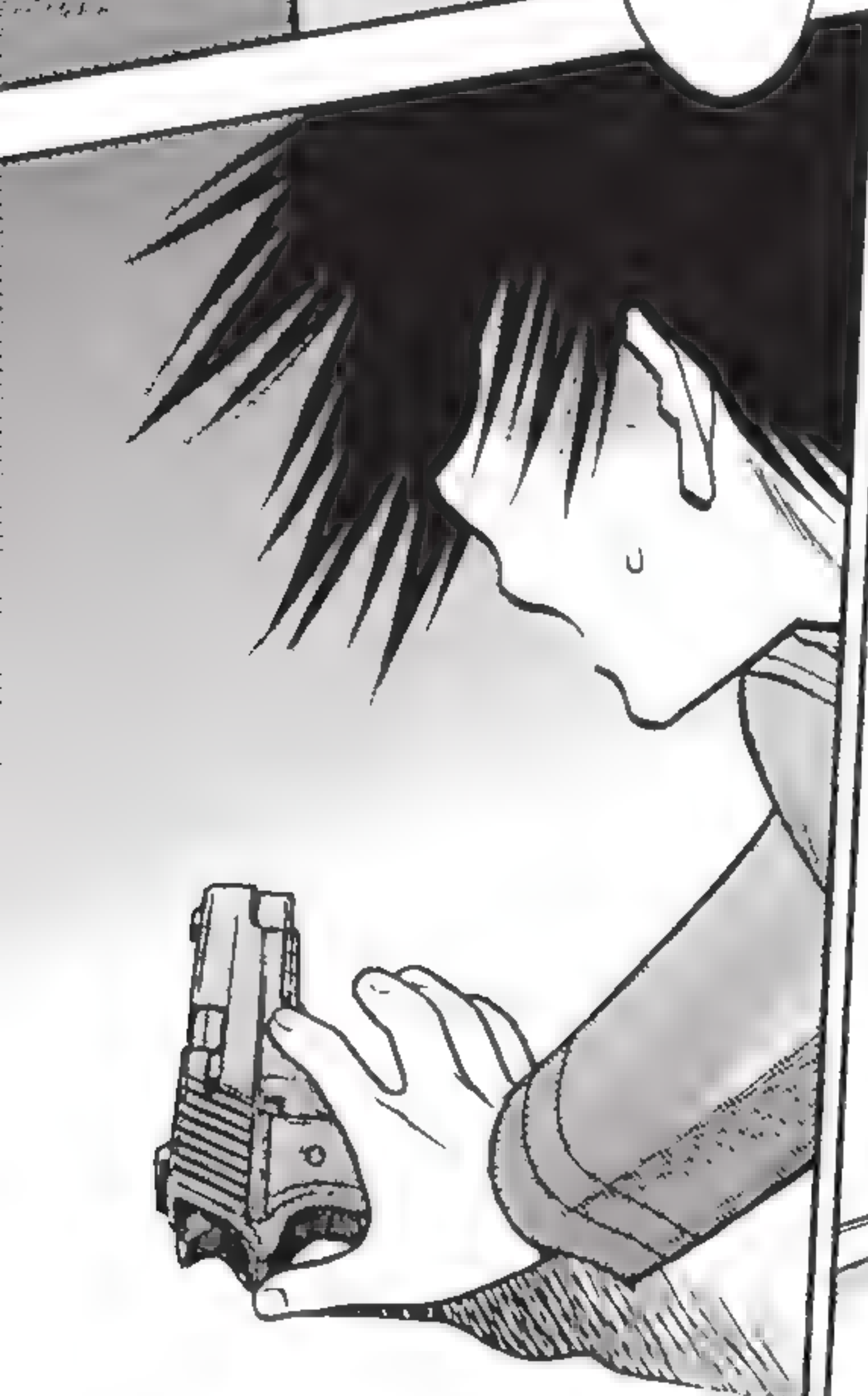
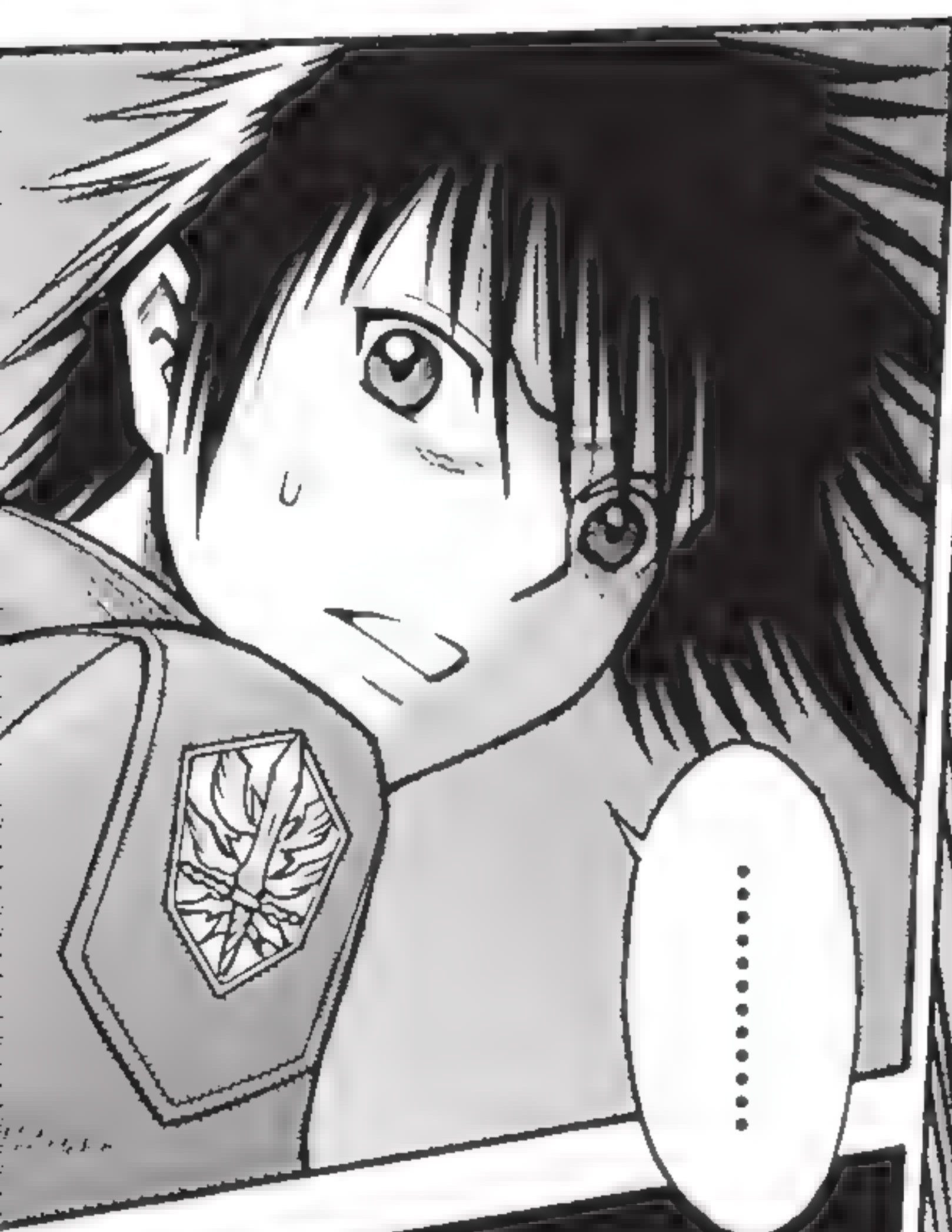
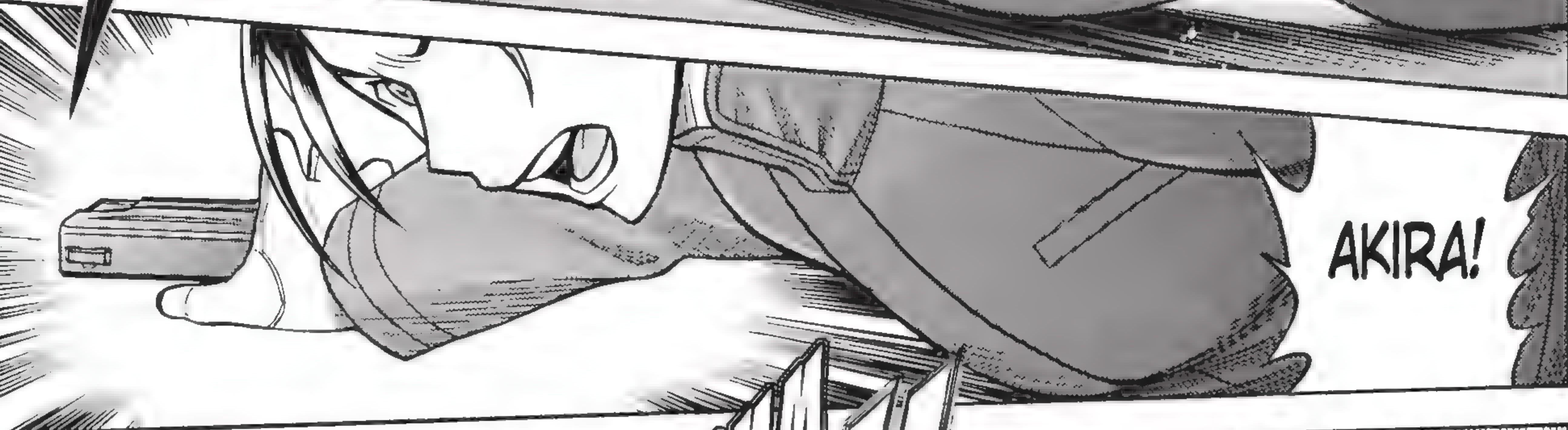
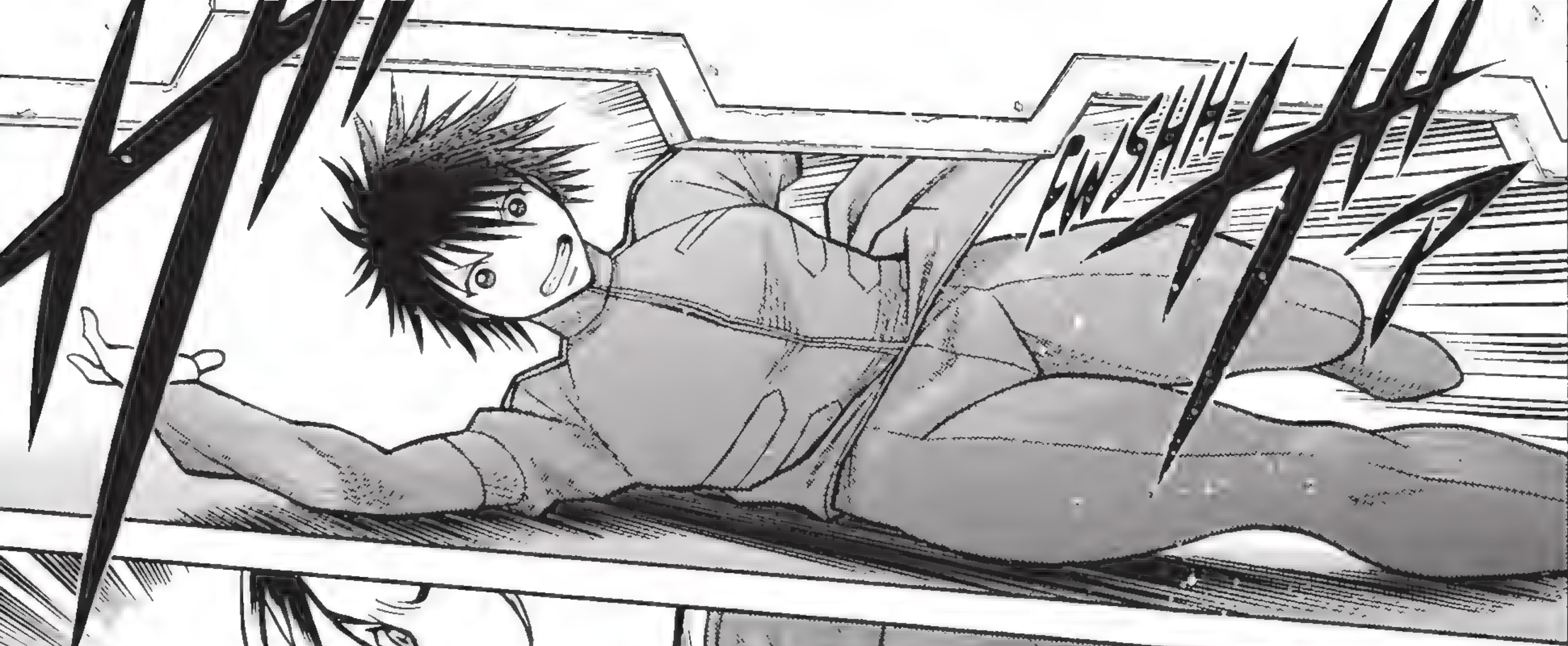




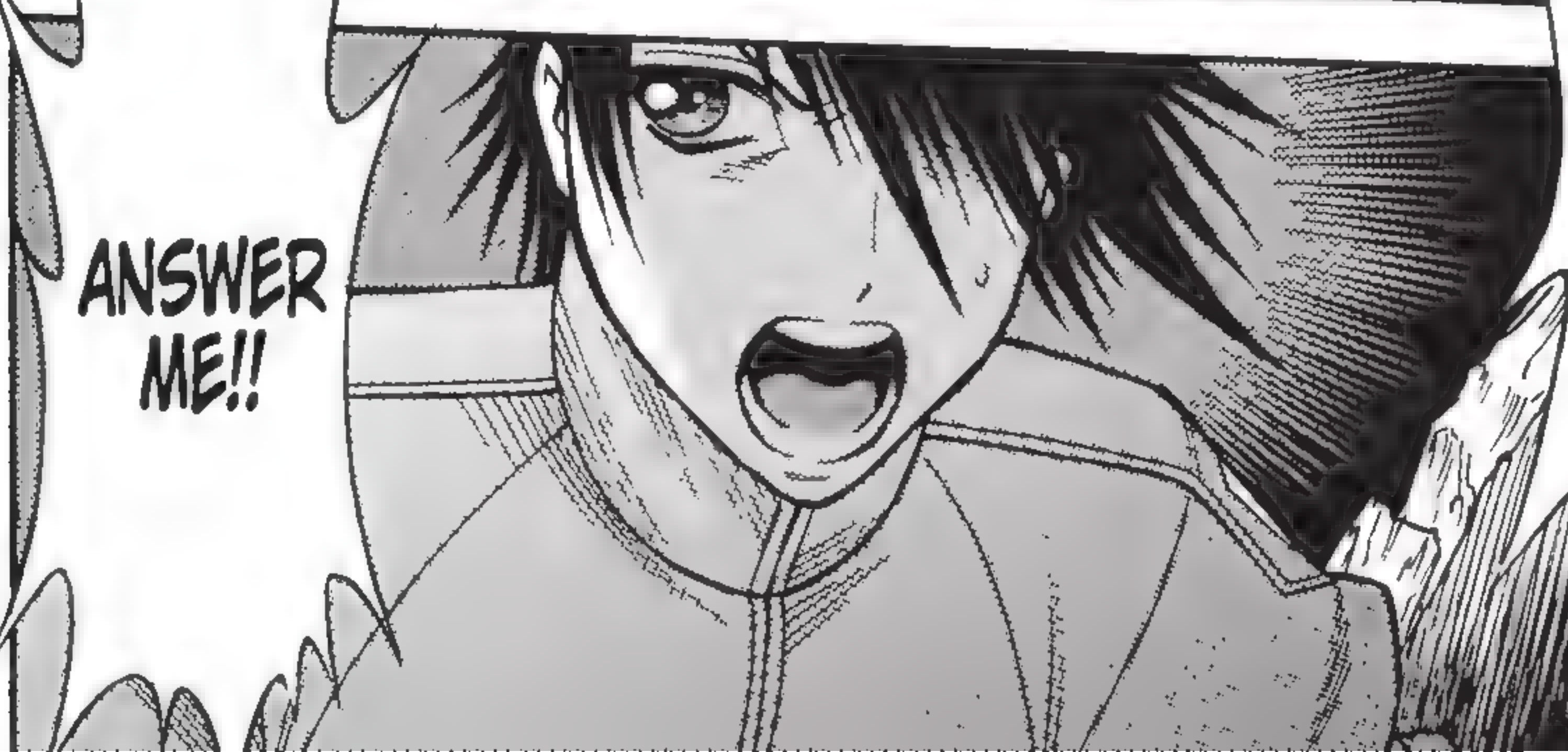
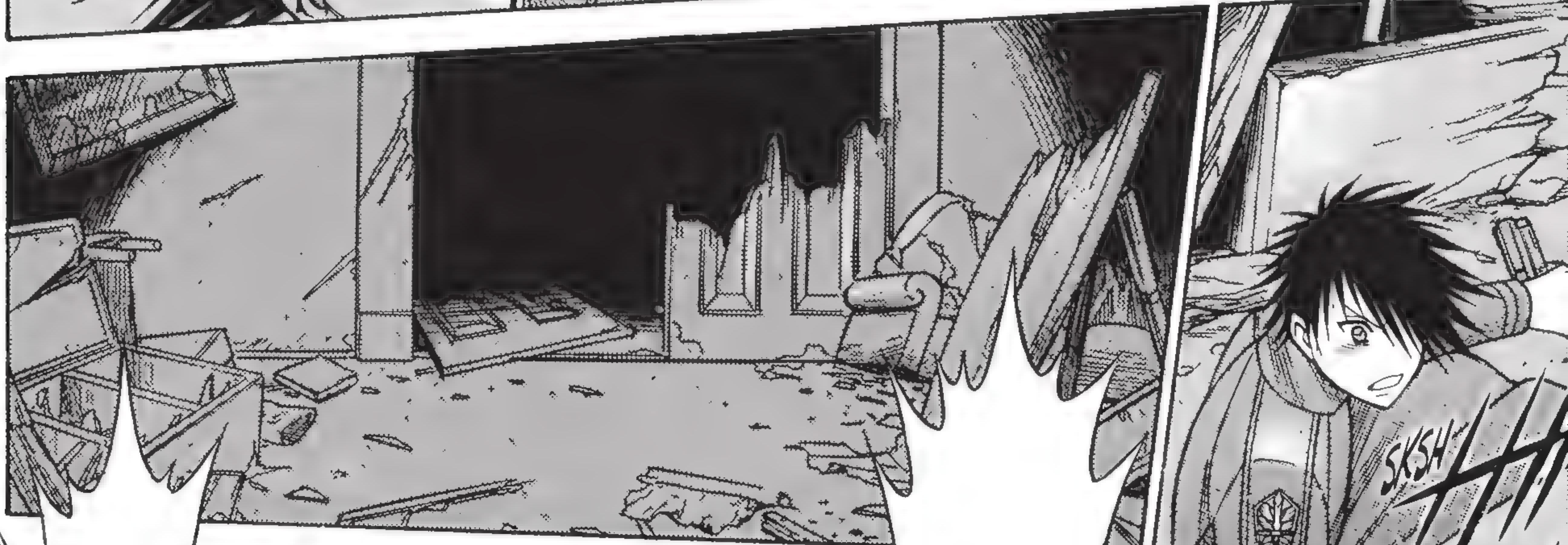
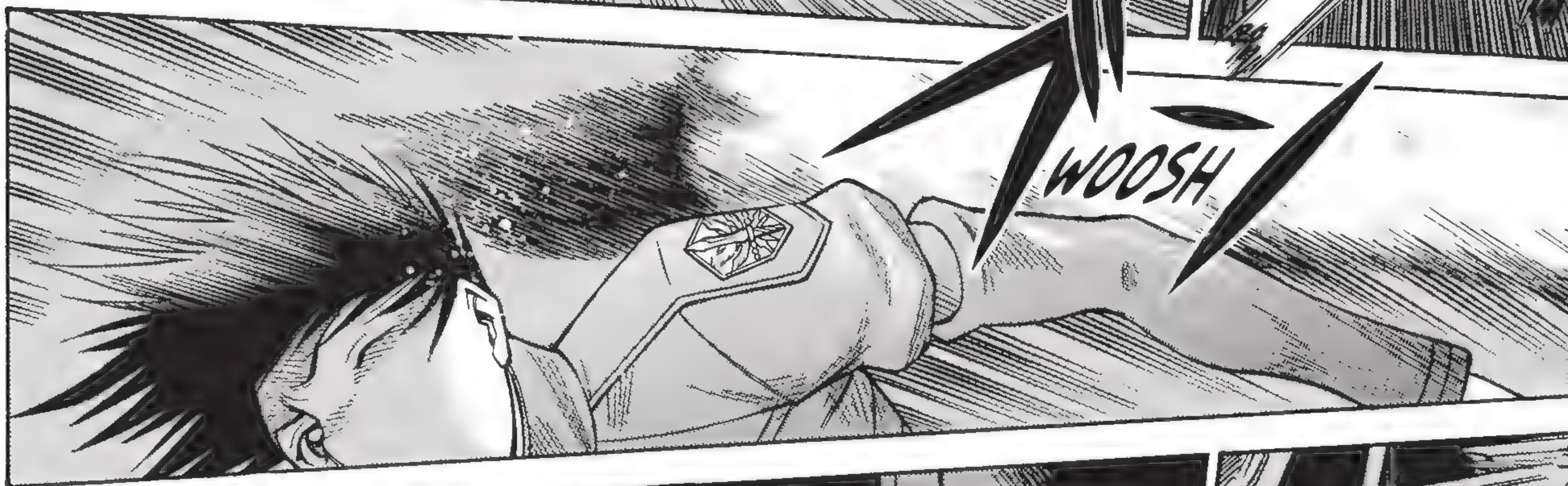
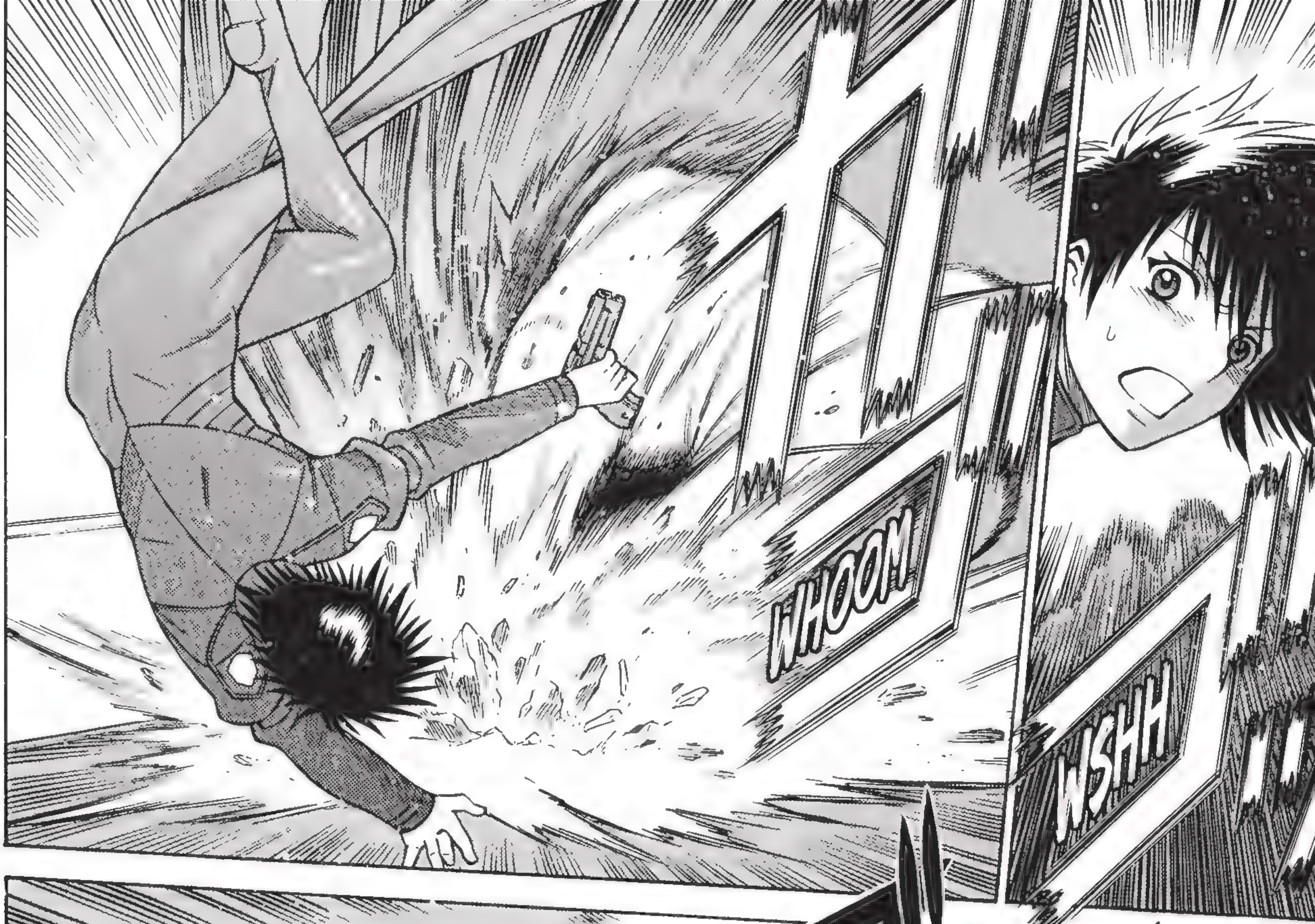












HIME-SAN!!







OH MY  
GOD!  
YOU'RE  
HURT!!

SHH!



DON'T  
SHOUT SO  
LOUDLY.  
I AM  
ATTEMPTING  
TO HIDE  
HERE, YOU  
KNOW.



I  
HAVEN'T  
GOT A  
CHOICE!

THAT IS  
**EXACTLY**  
WHAT  
THEY ARE  
HOPING I  
WILL DO!

YOU DID  
THAT  
WITHOUT  
TRANS-  
FORM-  
ING?

ARE YOU  
NUTS?!



THEY ARE  
WATCHING  
VIA THE  
SECURITY  
CAMERAS.

THEY  
WANT TO  
KNOW  
WHAT I  
WILL DO  
ONCE  
CORNERED.



HRRH...

HRRH...

THAT  
IS ALL  
I HAVE  
MANAGED,  
HOWEVER.

A FEW  
MOMENTS  
AGO, I  
MANAGED TO  
WHACK HIM  
ON THE NOSE,  
BUT GOOD.  
HE WILL NOT  
BE SMELLING  
MUCH FOR  
A TIME.



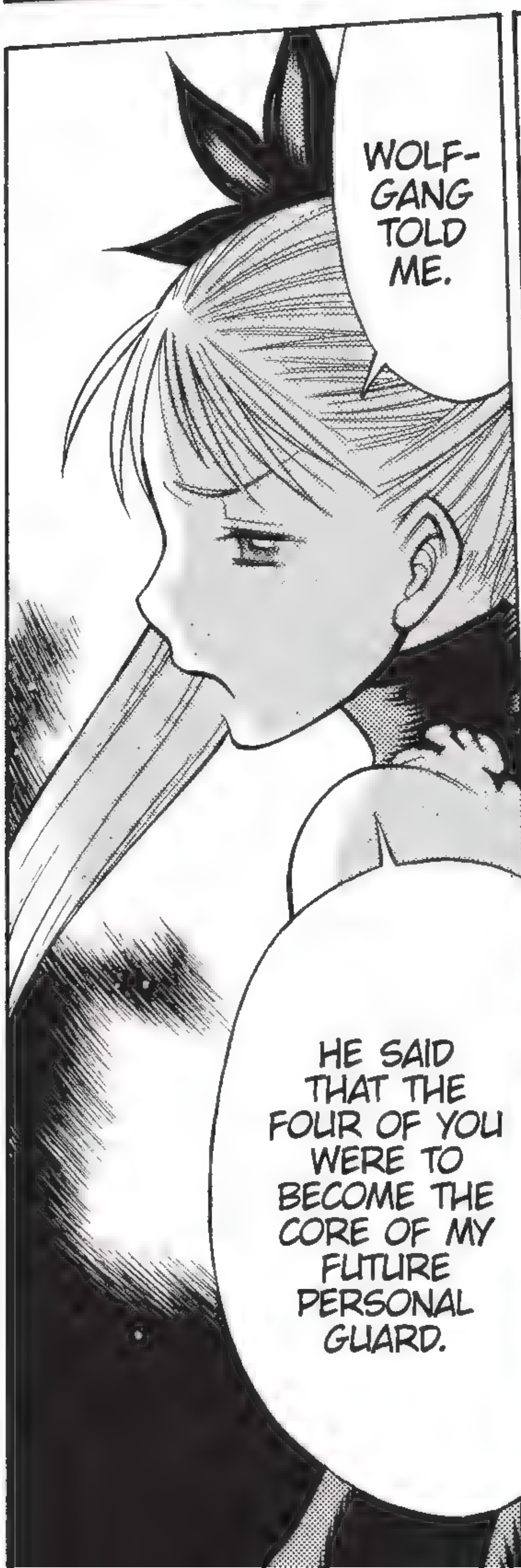
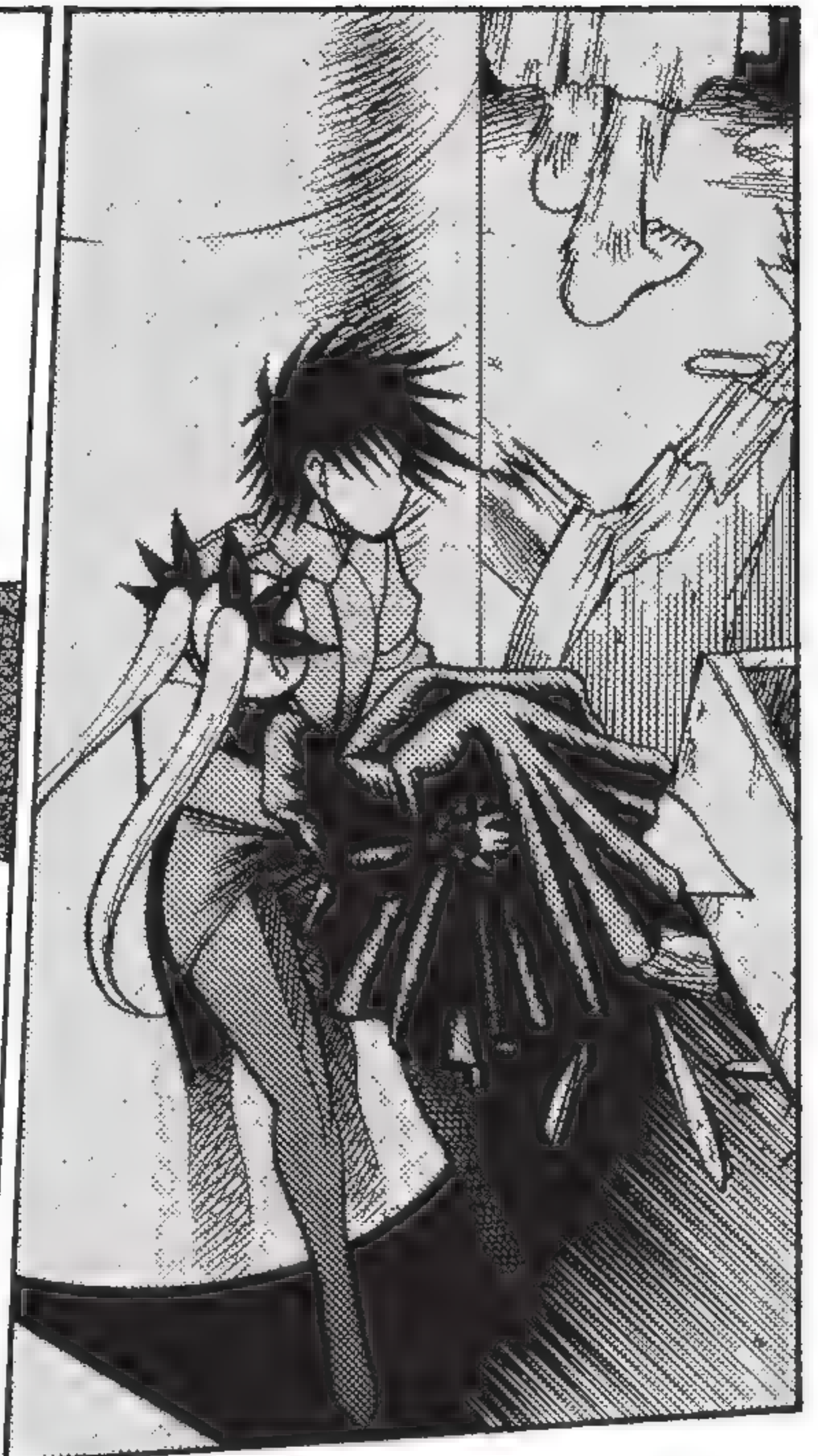


AND THE  
ONLY WAY  
WE'LL  
SURVIVE  
IS IF I--



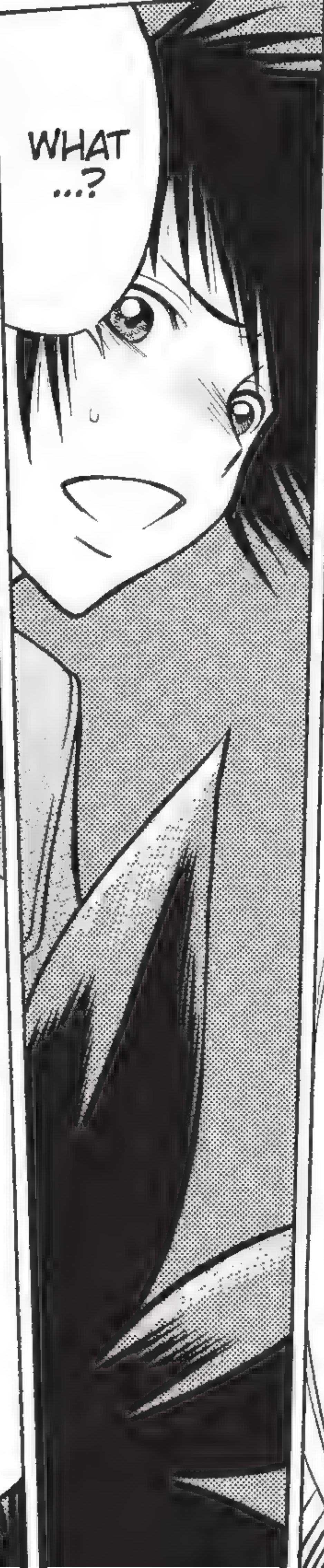
HN.  
NO  
WAY  
OUT.

WE'RE  
COM-  
PLETELY  
TRAPPED  
IN  
HERE.



WOLF-  
GANG  
TOLD  
ME.

HE SAID  
THAT THE  
FOUR OF YOU  
WERE TO  
BECOME THE  
CORE OF MY  
FUTURE  
PERSONAL  
GUARD.



WHAT  
...?



NO!

I WILL  
NOT MAKE  
YOU KILL  
A FRIEND  
FOR A  
SECOND  
TIME!!



HE, WITH HIS  
OUT-CLAN TIES,  
WAS TO HIDE RIGHT  
BY MY SIDE UNTIL  
THE TIME CAME TO  
ACT ON WHATEVER  
PLAN THEY HAD  
HATCHED.

BUT  
GRAHAM  
WAS A  
SLEEPER  
AGENT.

EVERY-  
THING  
YOU  
DID...

YOU HAD NO CHOICE.  
TO PROTECT ME  
FROM FUTURE HARM,  
YOU HAD TO KILL  
ONE WHOM YOU  
CALLED A FRIEND.

THAT IS  
WHY YOU  
KEPT  
SILENT,  
IS IT  
NOT...?

YOU DID  
FOR MY  
SAKE.

IF YOU  
NEVER  
HAD THE MISFOR-  
TUNE  
TO MEET  
ME...

THEN  
MAYBE...  
MAYBE  
YOU...!

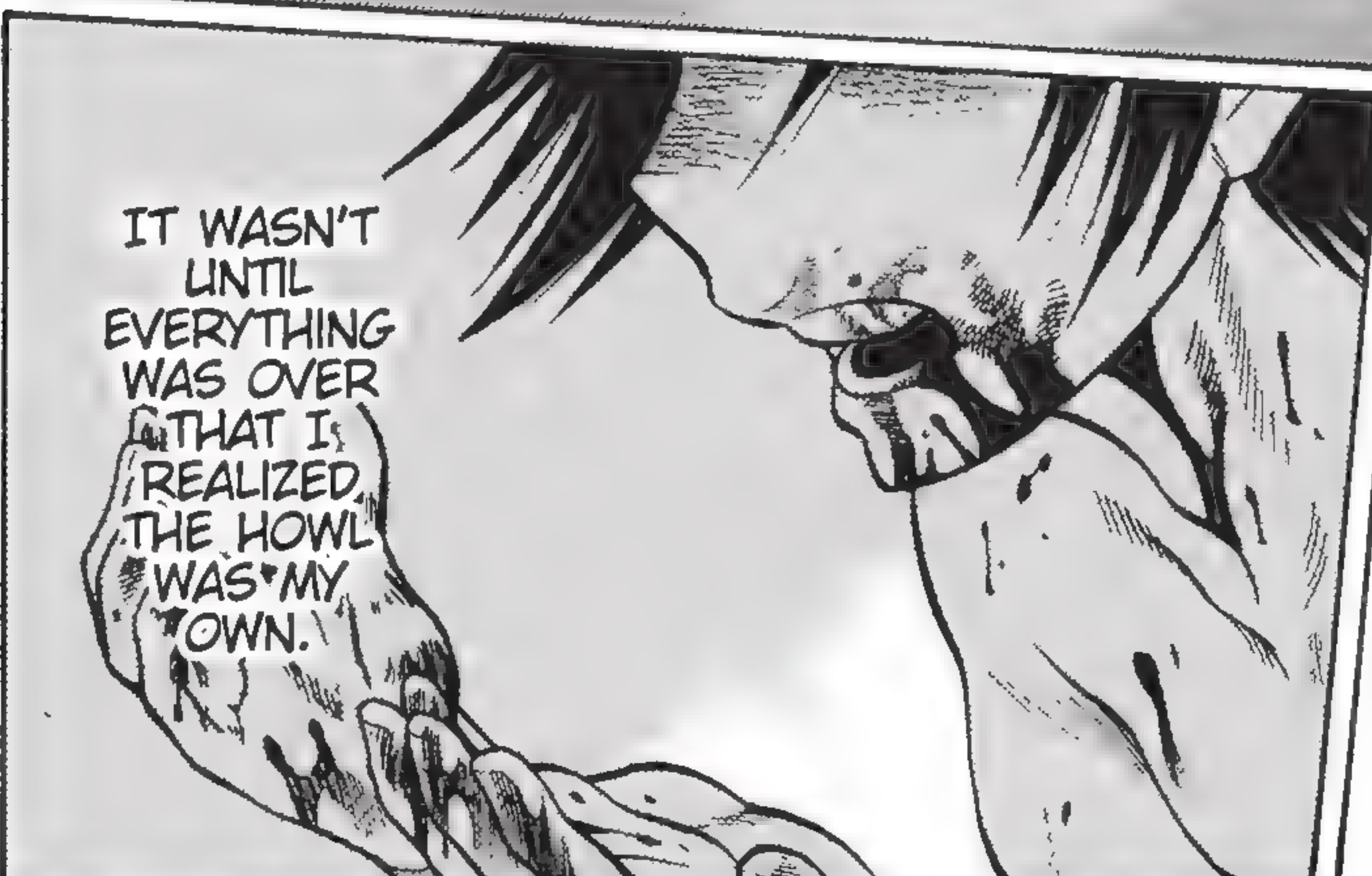
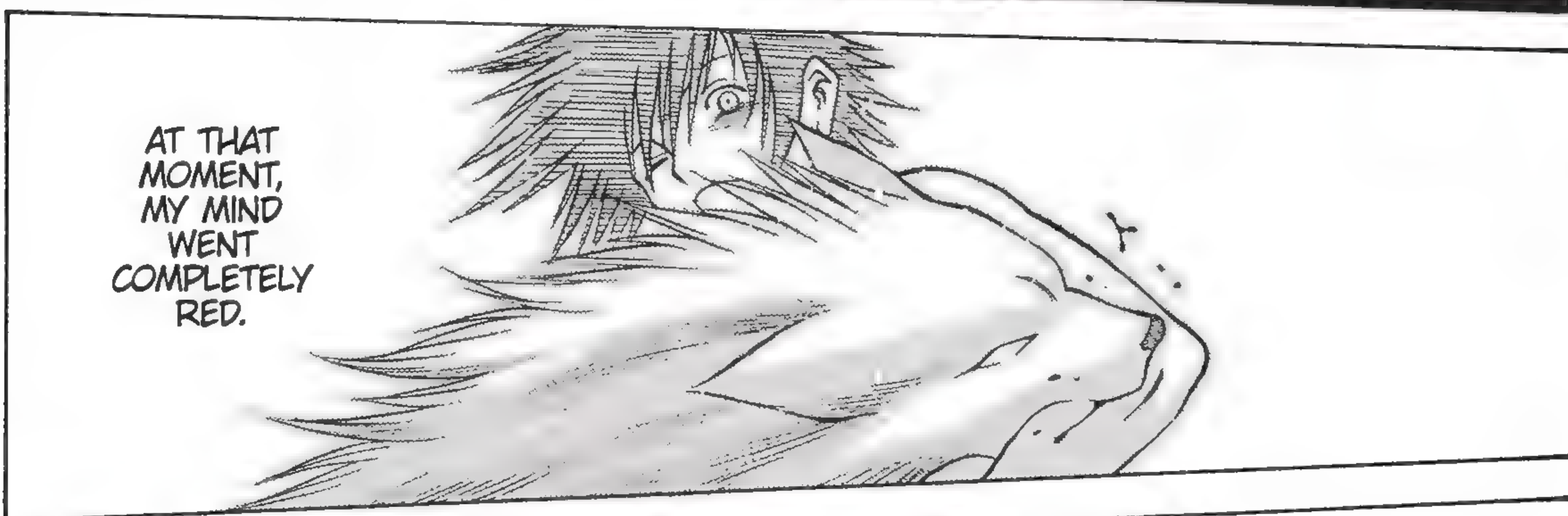
I  
STOLE  
EVERY-  
THING  
FROM  
YOU.

IT  
WAS,  
WASN'T  
IT?





GRAHAM!  
GRAHAM,  
TALK TO  
ME!



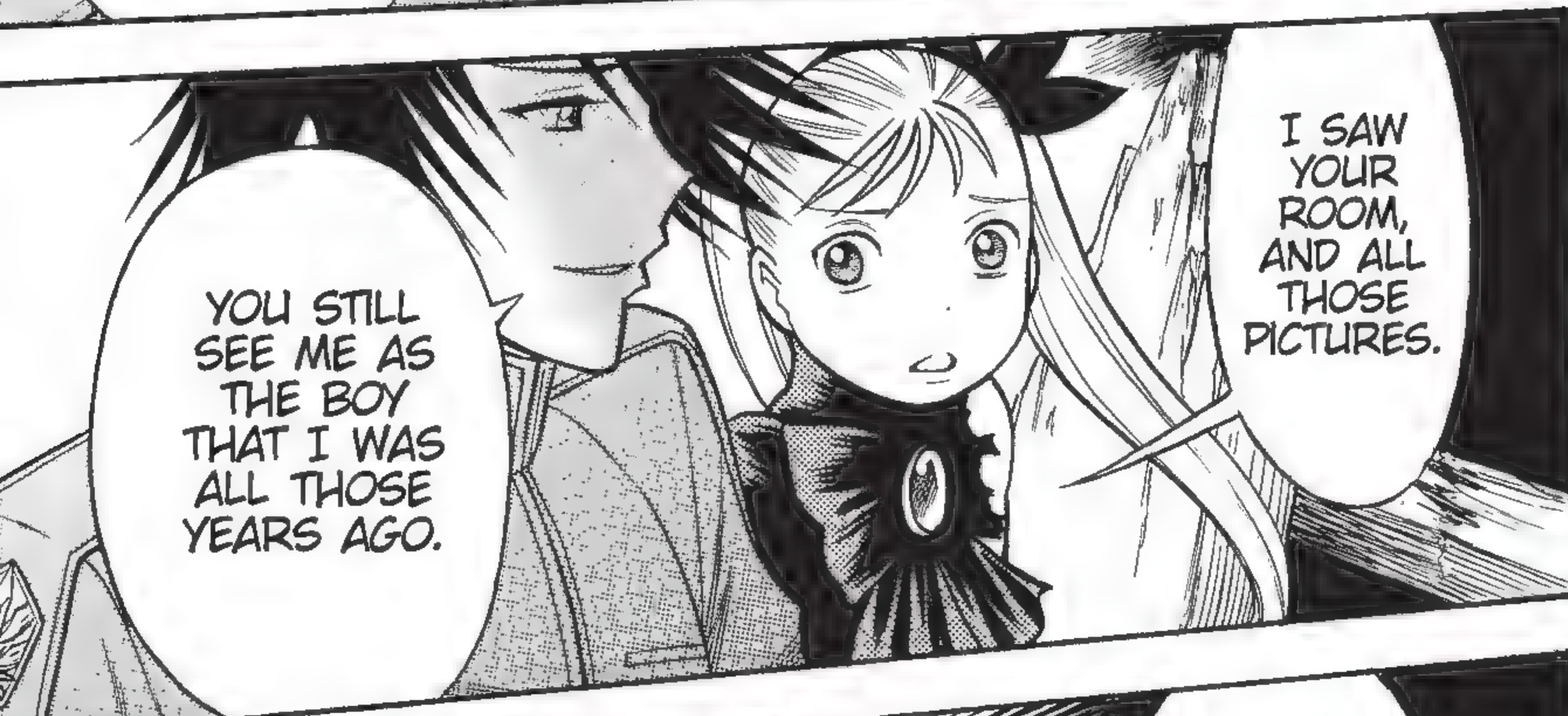




I DIDN'T  
KEEP QUIET  
BECAUSE I  
DIDN'T WANT  
TO HURT  
YOU.

AKIRA  
...

I KEPT  
QUIET  
BECAUSE I  
WAS AFRAID  
OF WHAT  
WOULD  
HAPPEN IF  
YOU FOUND  
OUT WHAT  
I AM.



YOU STILL  
SEE ME AS  
THE BOY  
THAT I WAS  
ALL THOSE  
YEARS AGO.

I SAW  
YOUR  
ROOM,  
AND ALL  
THOSE  
PICTURES.



BUT I'M  
NOT HIM  
ANYMORE.  
I HAVEN'T  
BEEN HIM  
FOR TWO  
YEARS.

I'M  
SORRY,  
HIME-SAN...  
BUT I'M  
NOT YOUR  
AKIRA  
ANYMORE.

YOU WOULD'VE  
THOUGHT I'D  
KNOWN THIS LONG  
BEFOREHAND,  
BUT IT WASN'T  
UNTIL THAT  
MOMENT THAT  
I KNEW--TRULY  
KNEW RIGHT  
DOWN TO THE  
BOTTOM OF MY  
SOUL--WHAT I  
REALLY WAS...



A  
MONSTER.





THAT  
VOW,  
I'LL  
NEVER  
BREAK.

I  
SWORE  
I'D  
PROTECT  
YOU.

AKIRA,  
WAIT!

DON'T  
GO!!

HOW-  
EVER...

THERE  
IS ONE  
THING  
THAT  
HASN'T  
CHANGED.



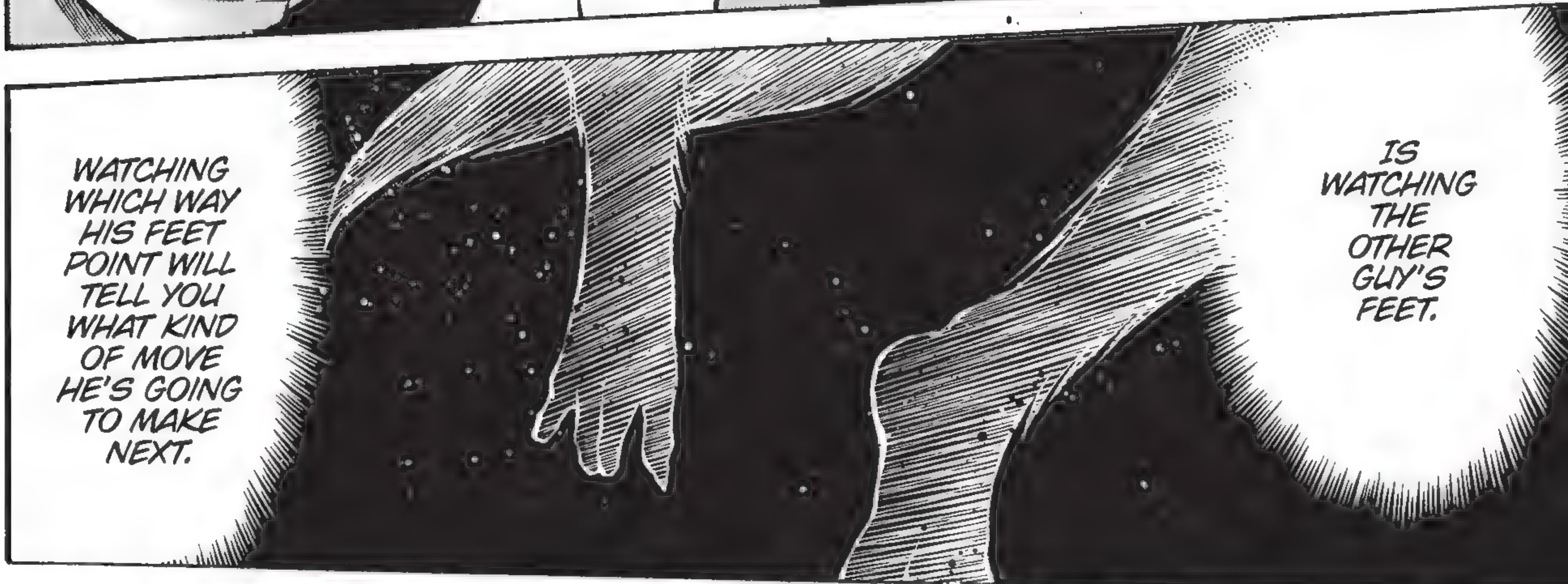








SEE,  
THE  
SECRET TO  
"CATCH  
THE TAIL"...



WATCHING  
WHICH WAY  
HIS FEET  
POINT WILL  
TELL YOU  
WHAT KIND  
OF MOVE  
HE'S GOING  
TO MAKE  
NEXT.

IS  
WATCHING  
THE  
OTHER  
GUY'S  
FEET.



THEN YOU  
CAN JUMP  
RIGHT IN  
TO HIS  
UNPROTECTED  
FLANK!!

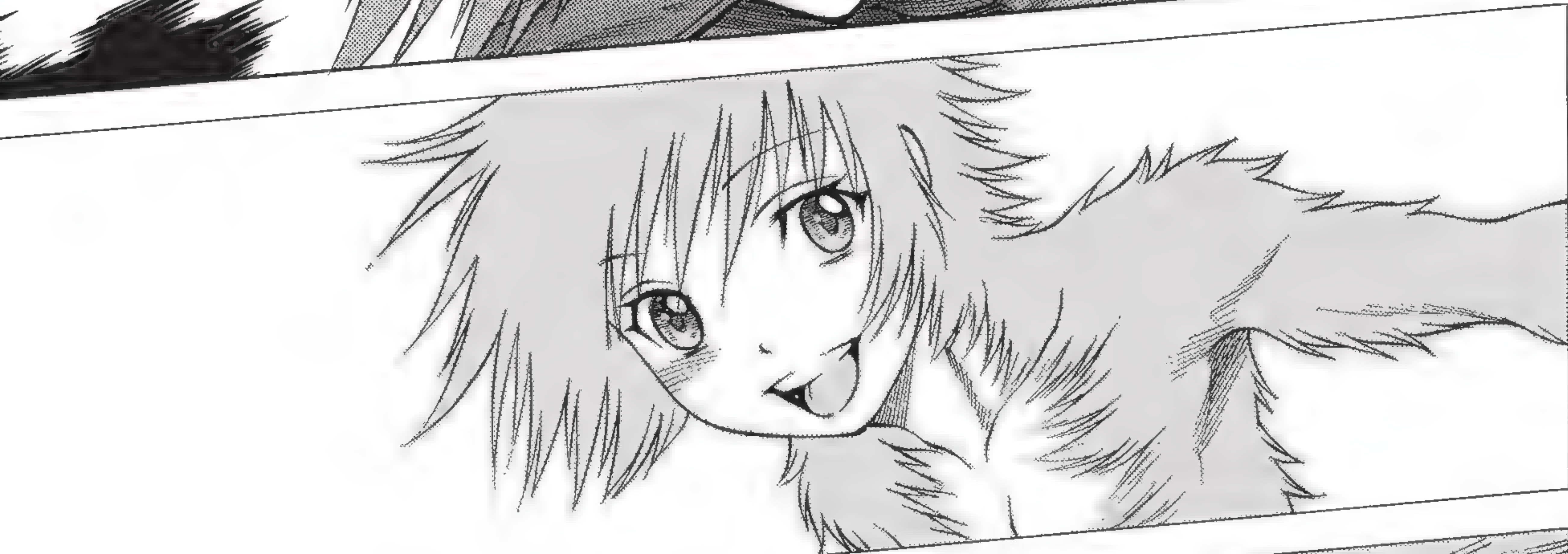
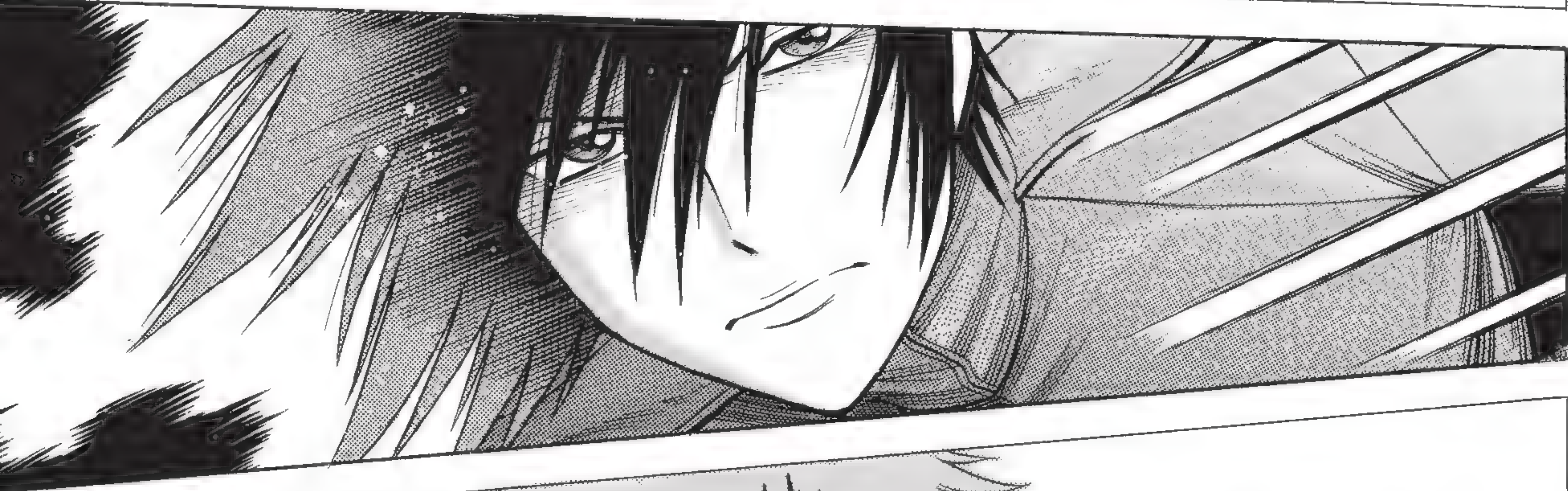
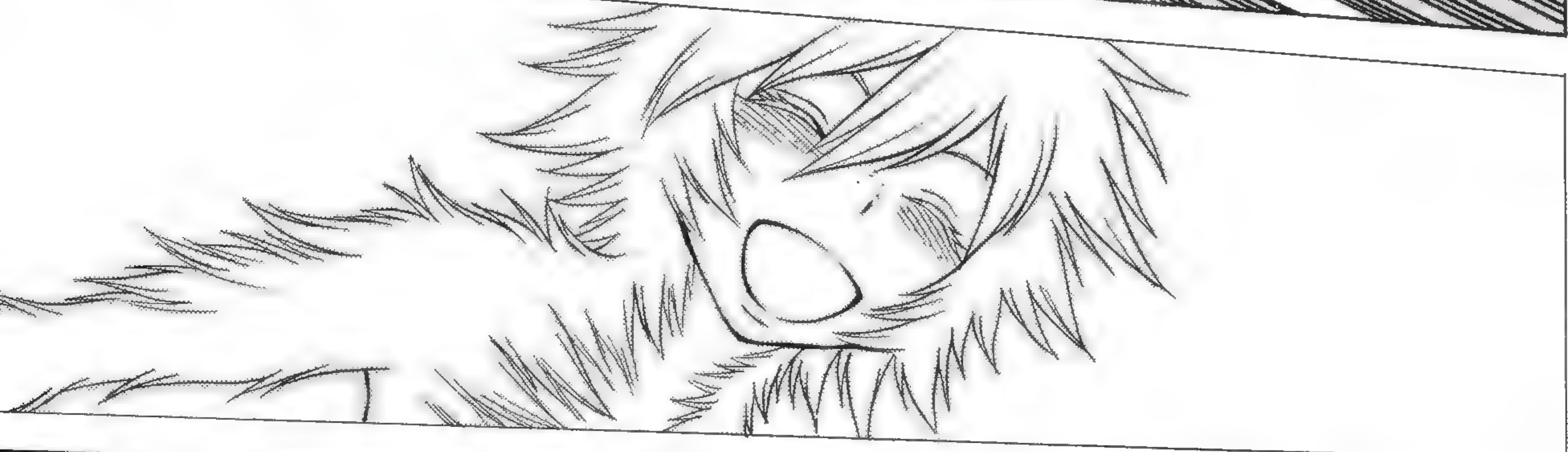
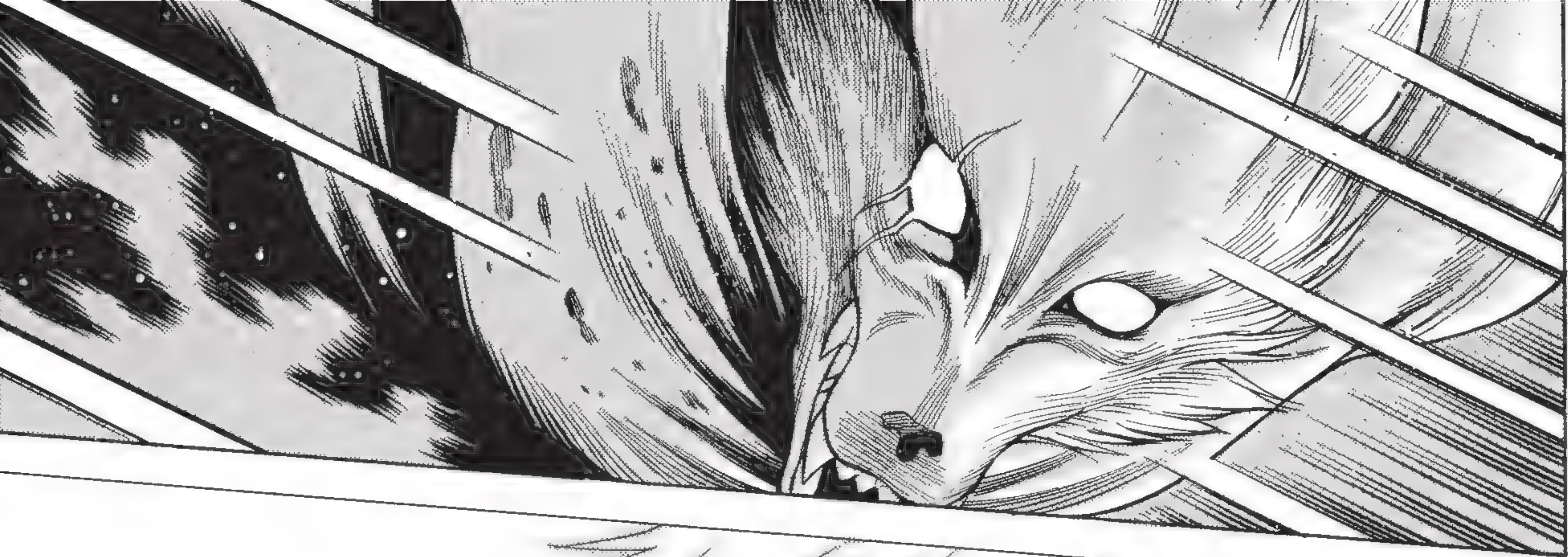
AND IF  
YOU  
KNOW  
THAT...



QUICKER  
THAN  
HE'LL  
EVER  
EXPECT  
!!

YOU'LL  
GET  
RIGHT  
UP INTO  
HIS  
SIDE...





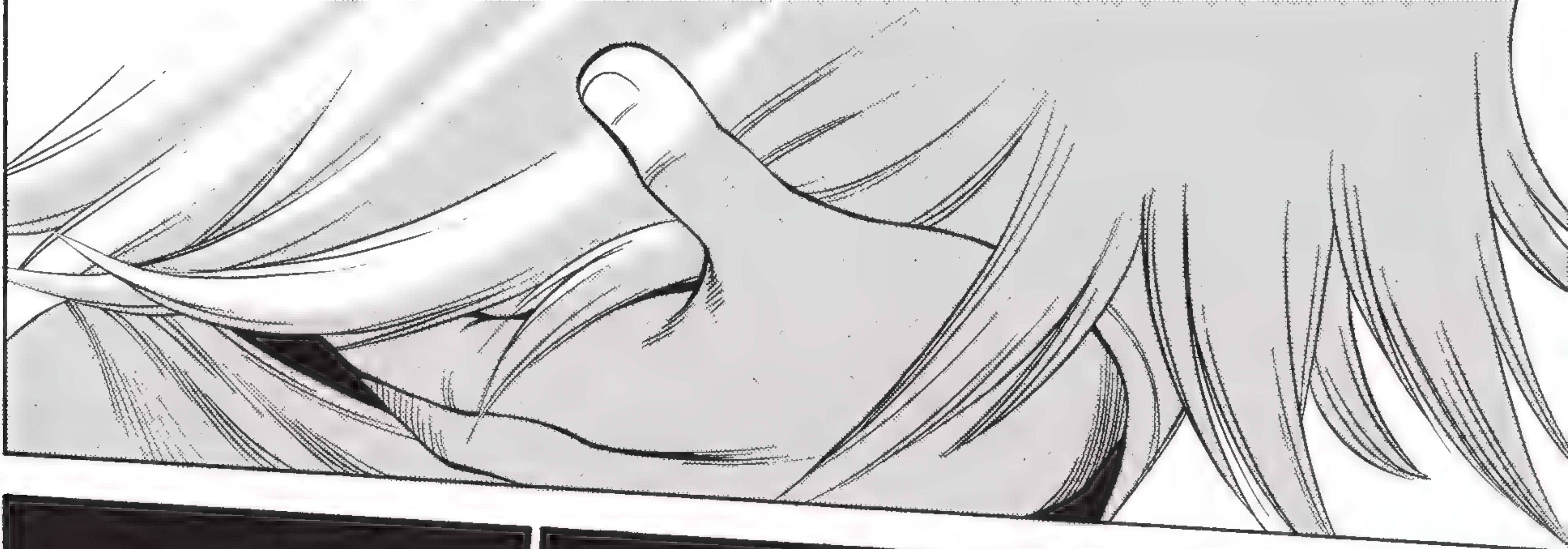








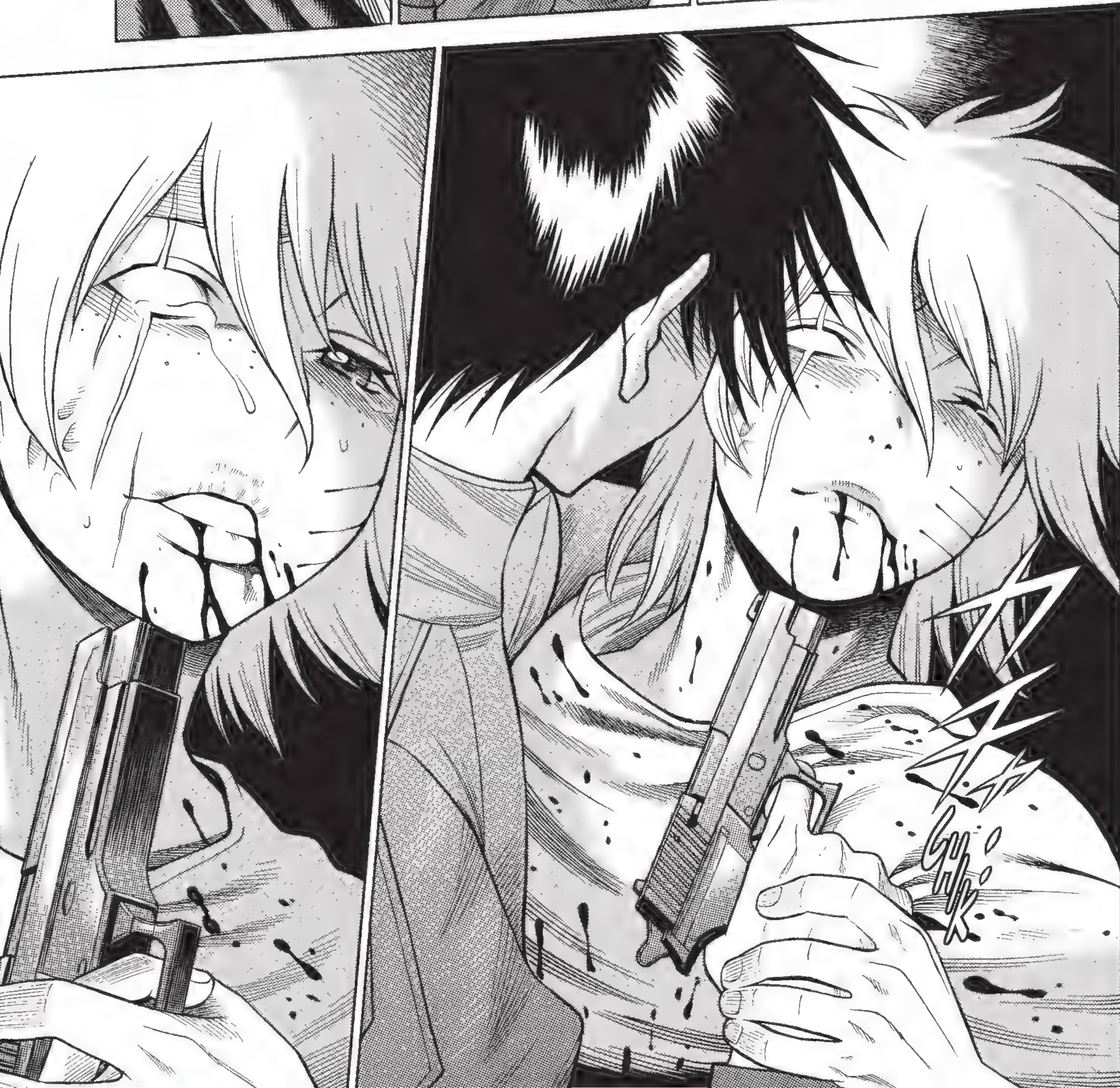




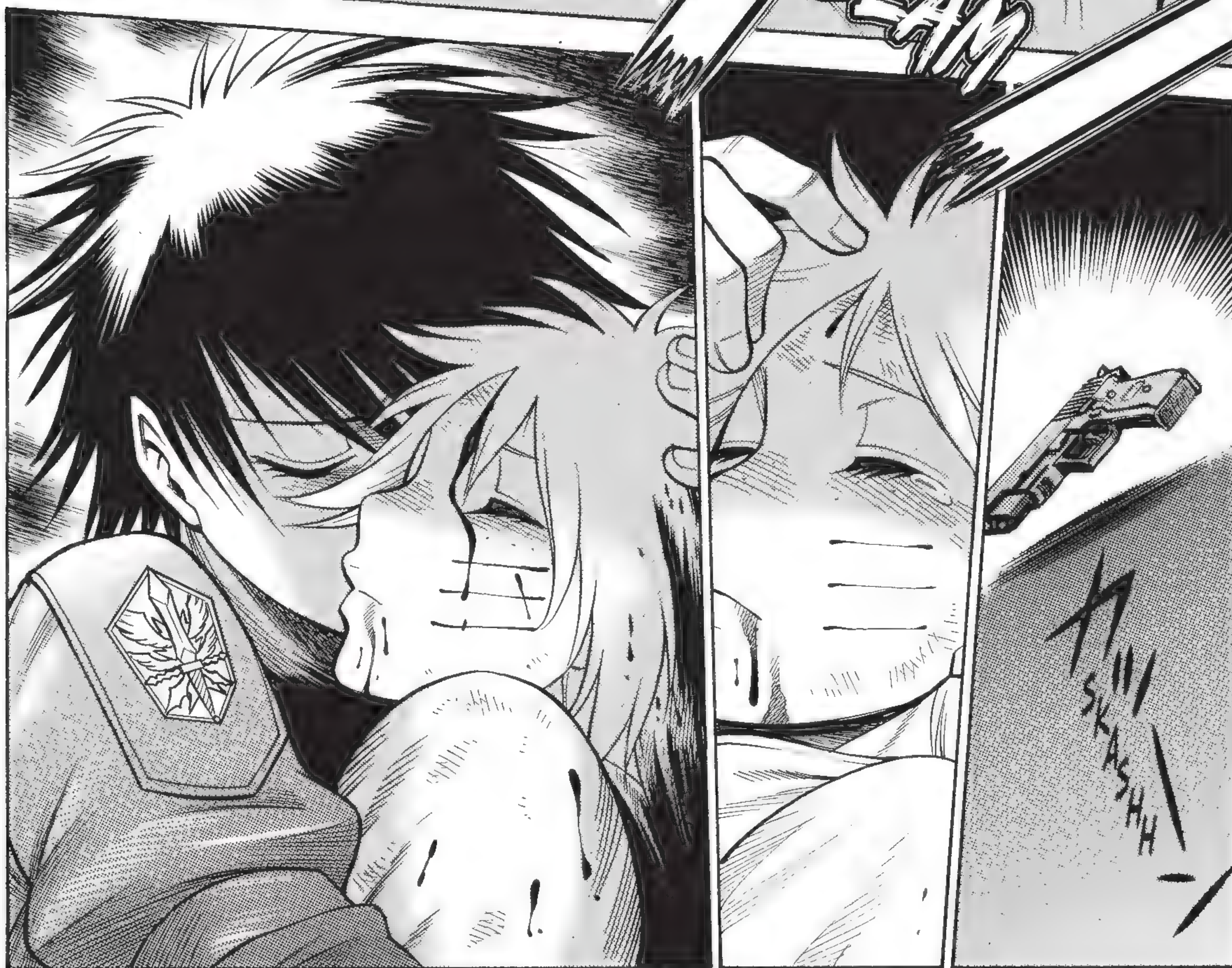
LOOKS  
LIKE I  
FINALLY  
MANAGED  
TO BEAT  
YOU.











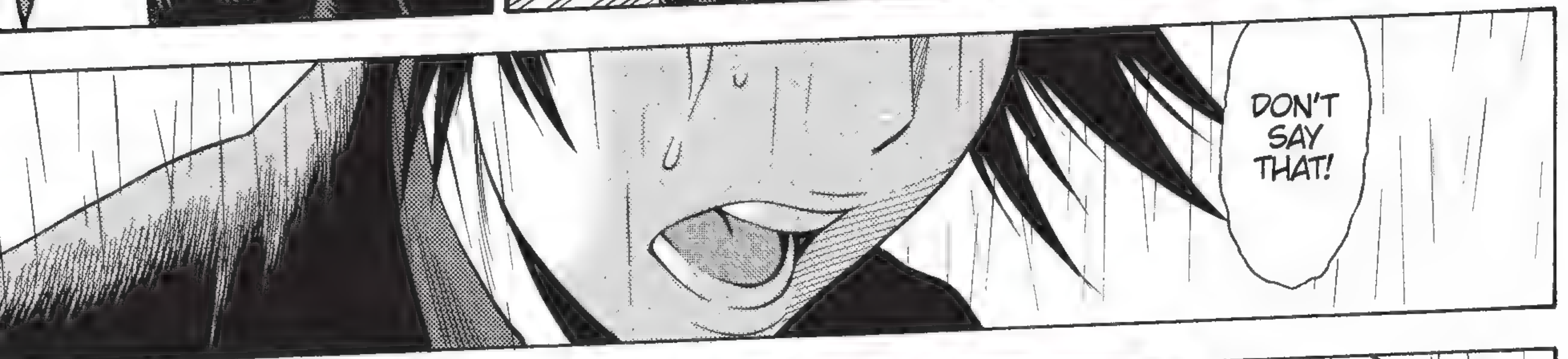




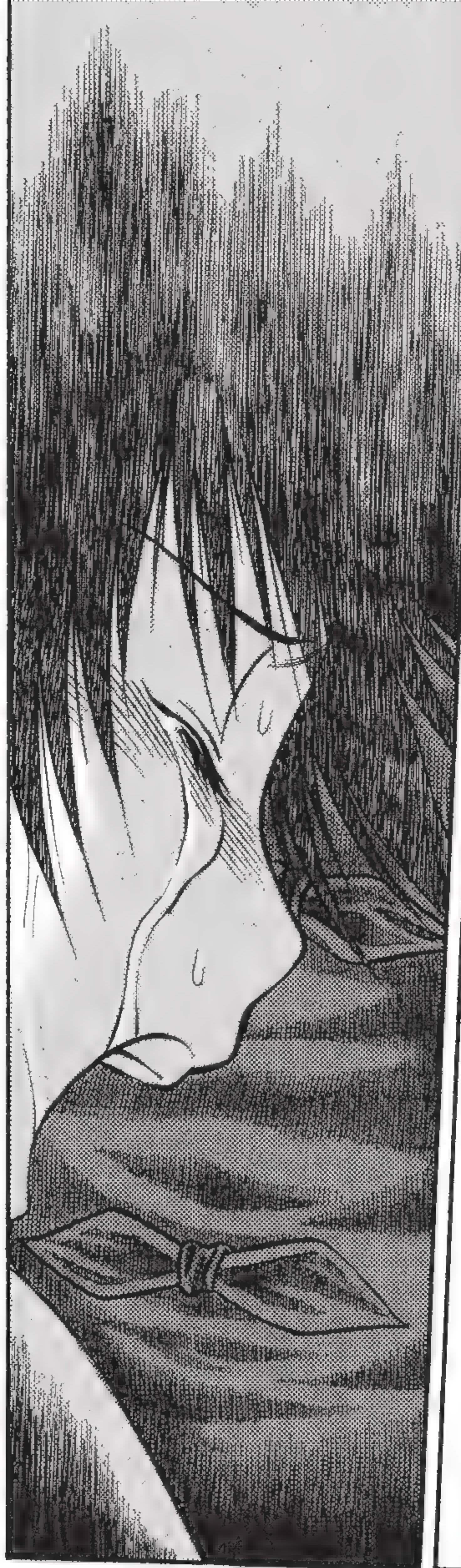
















PLEASE  
STOP  
CRYING...



OH,  
SHUT UP,  
SANIN.

SHEESH,  
THIS  
ROCK IS  
HARD!

OWW!

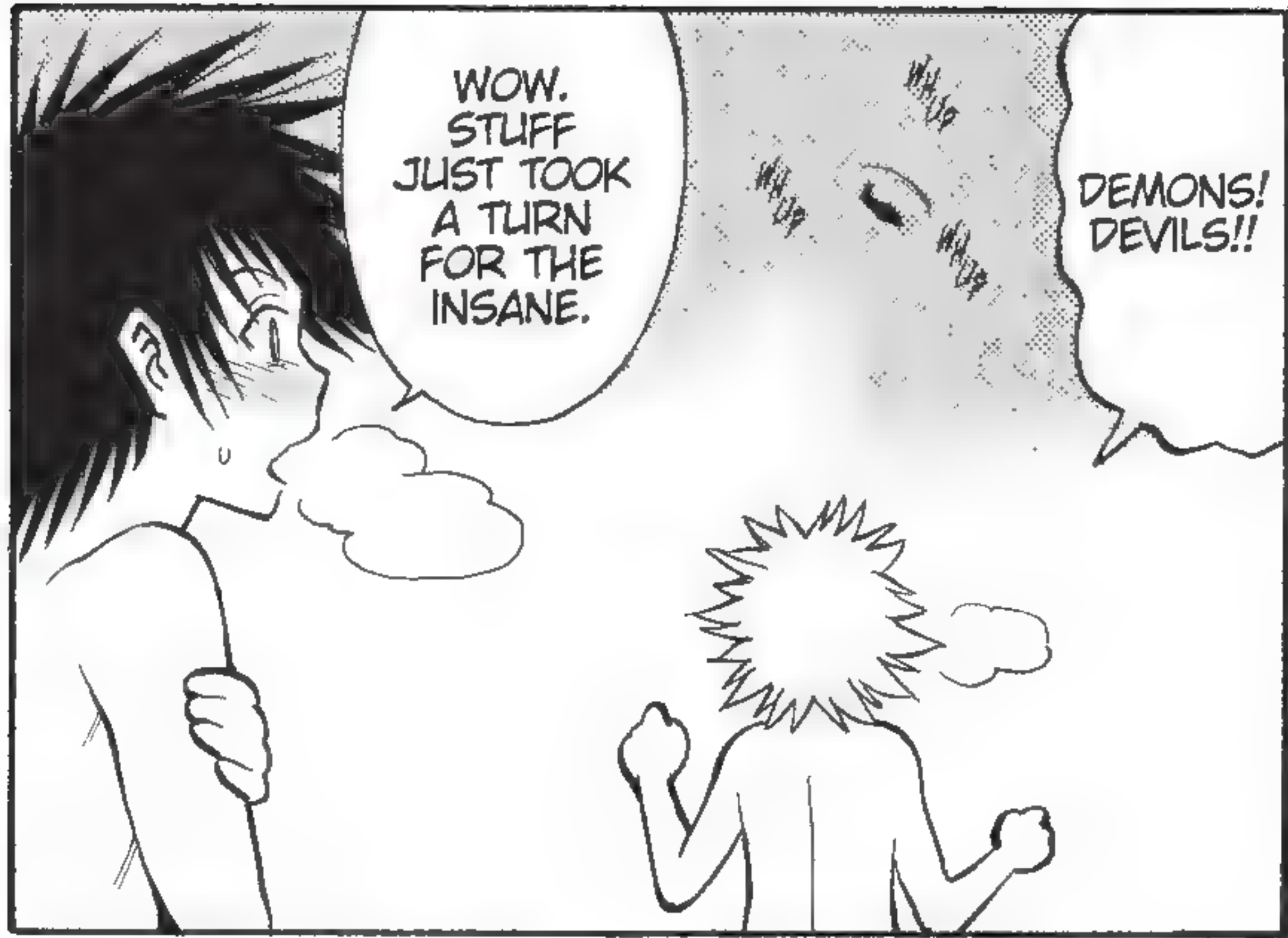
DAMMIT,  
CHIPPED  
A CLAW.



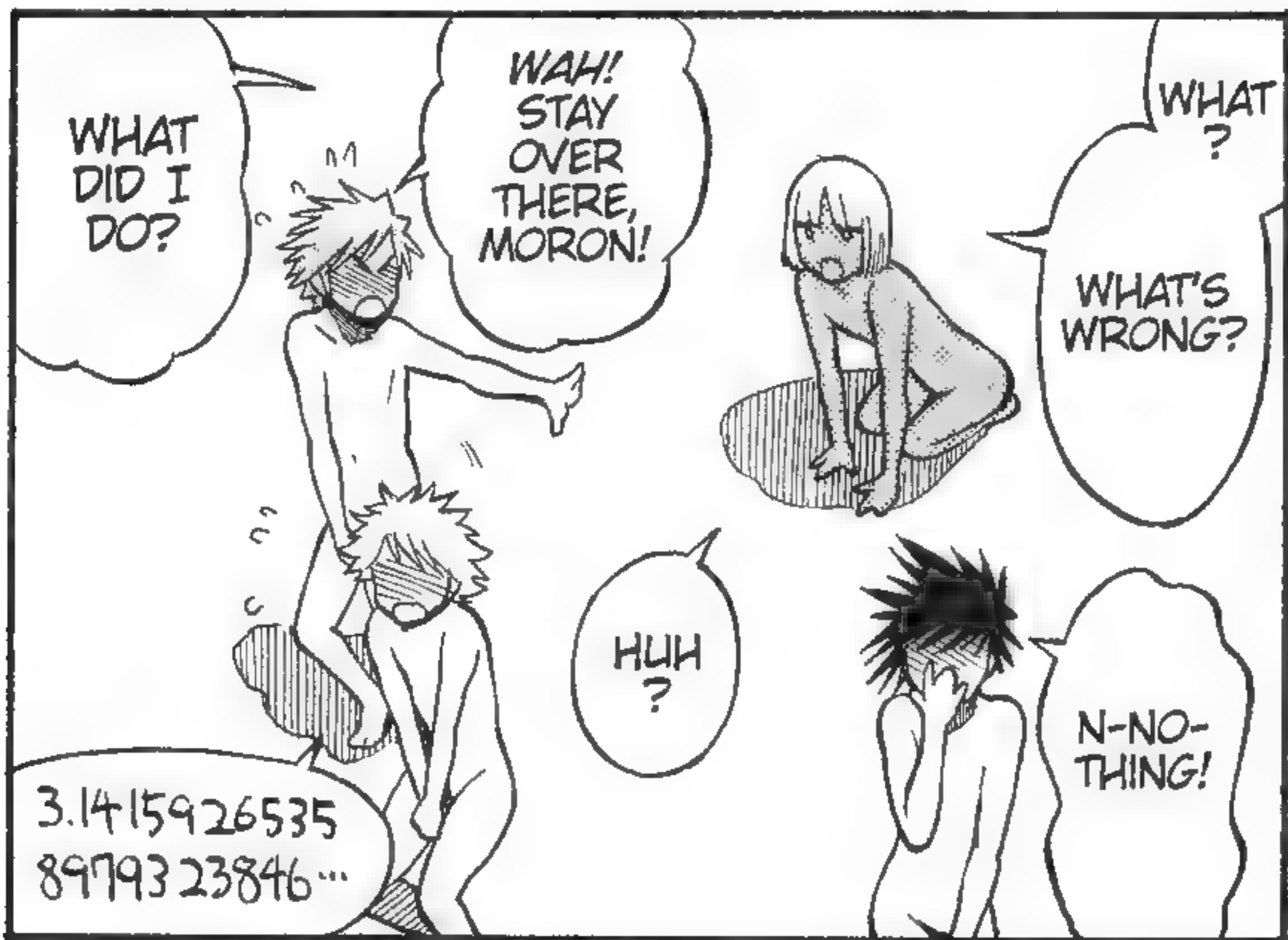
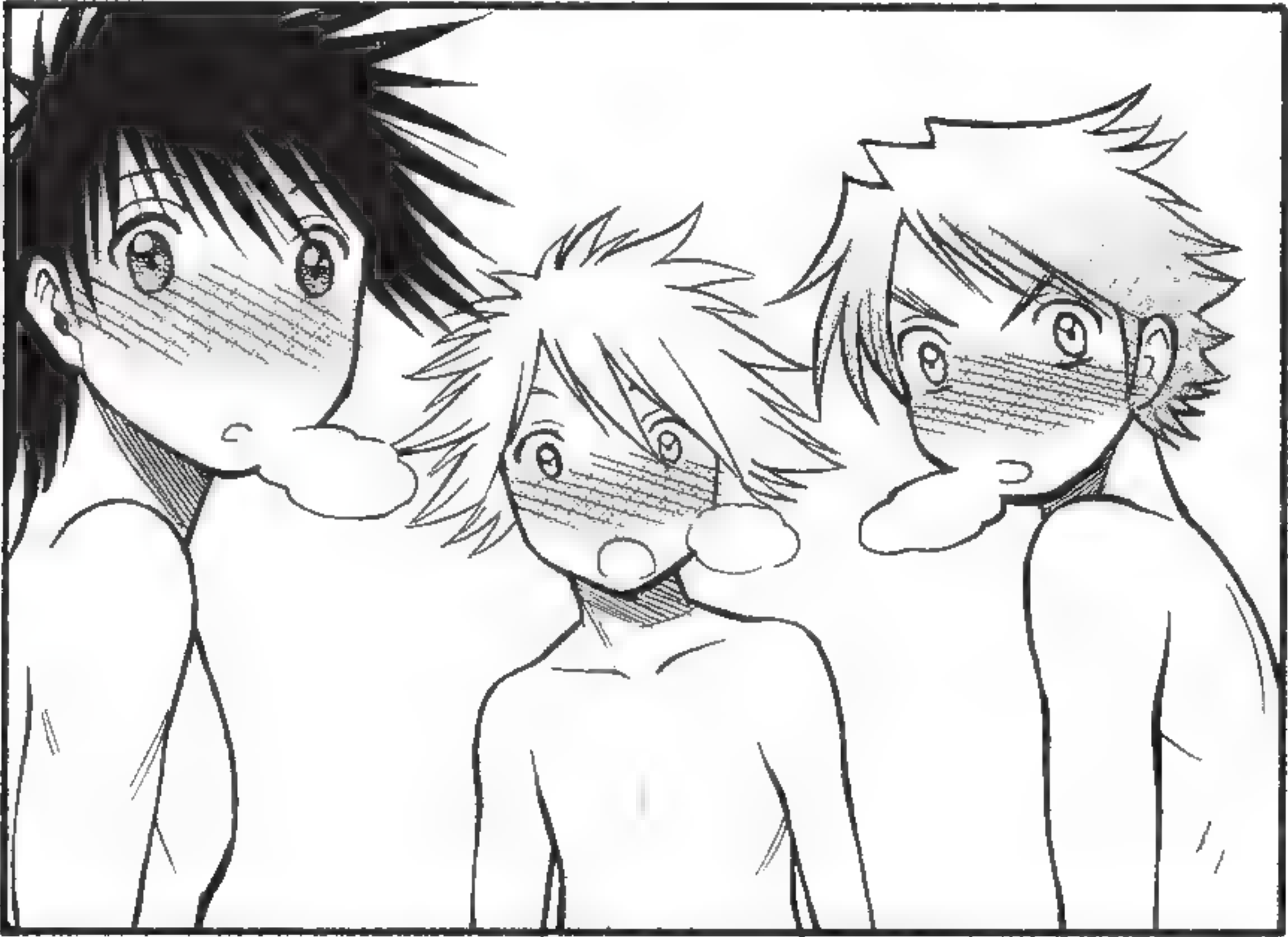
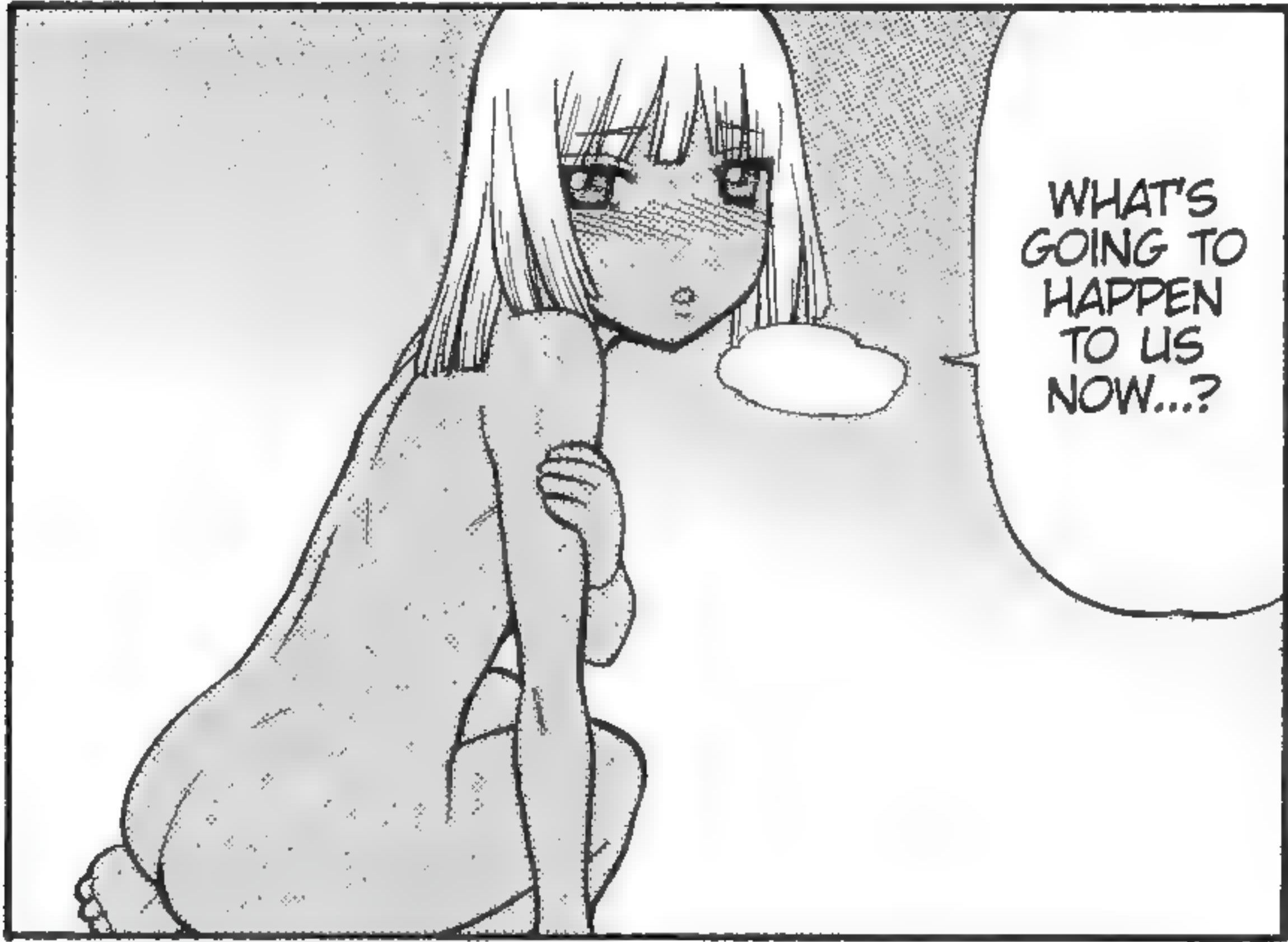


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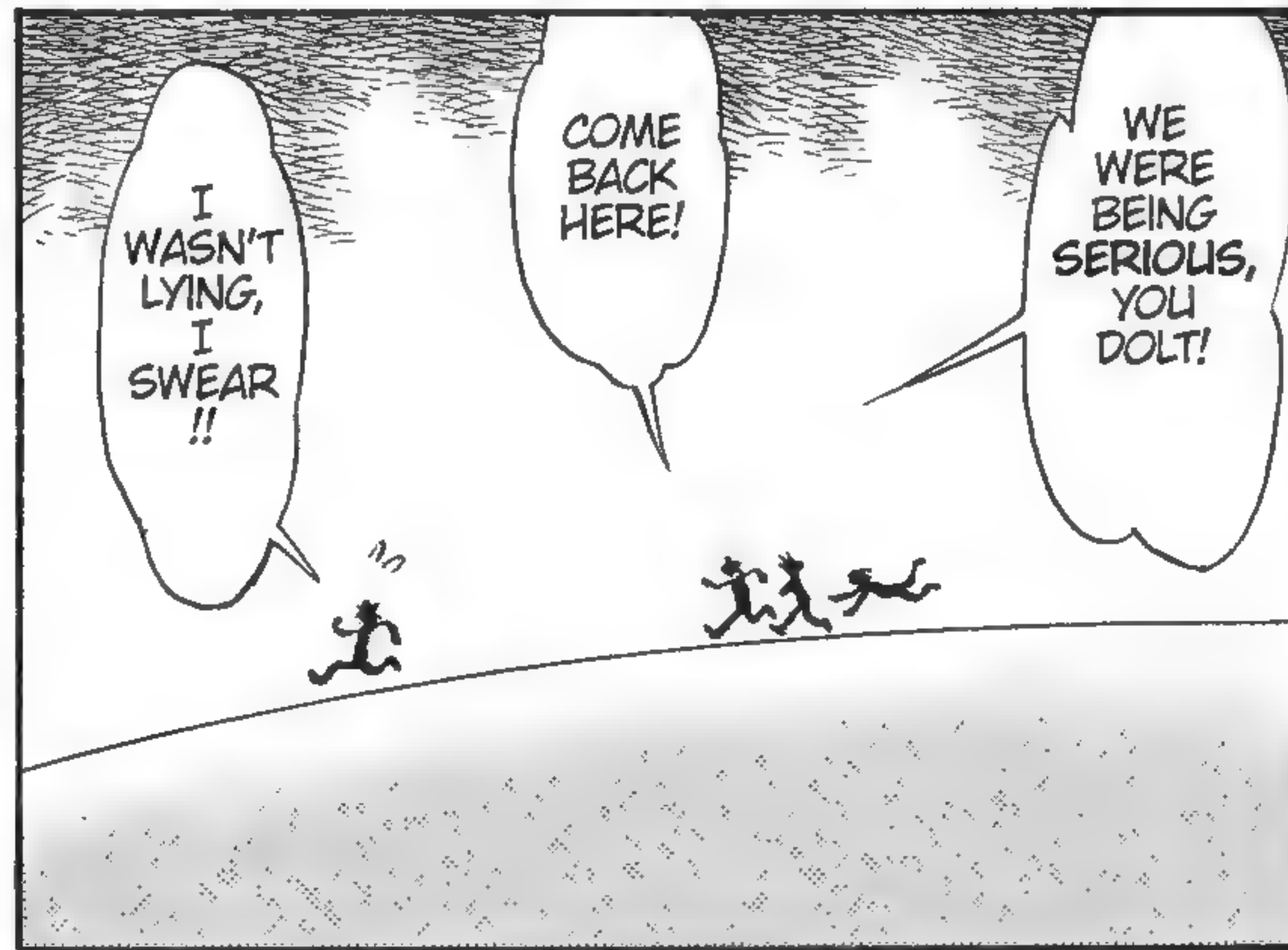
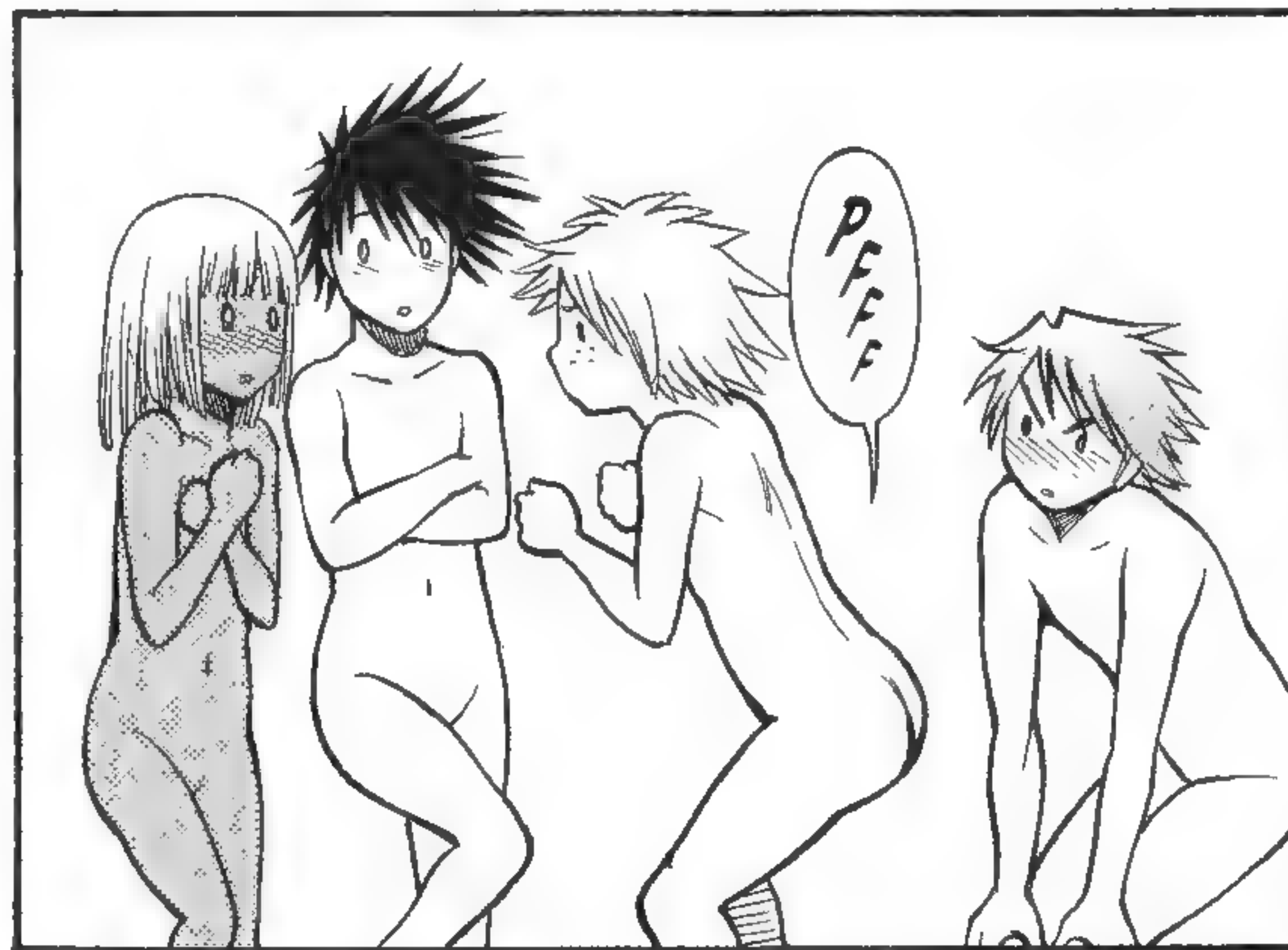




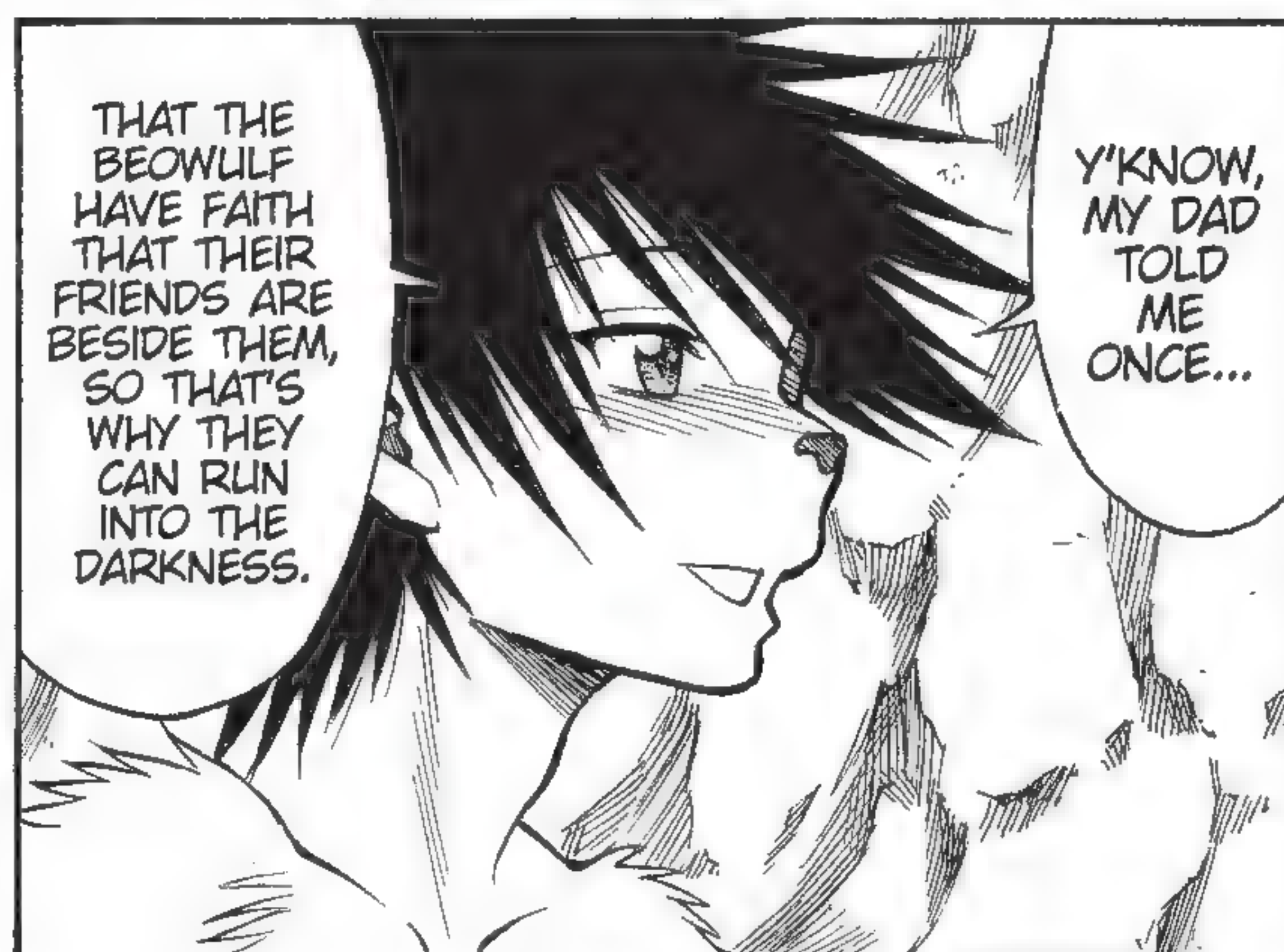
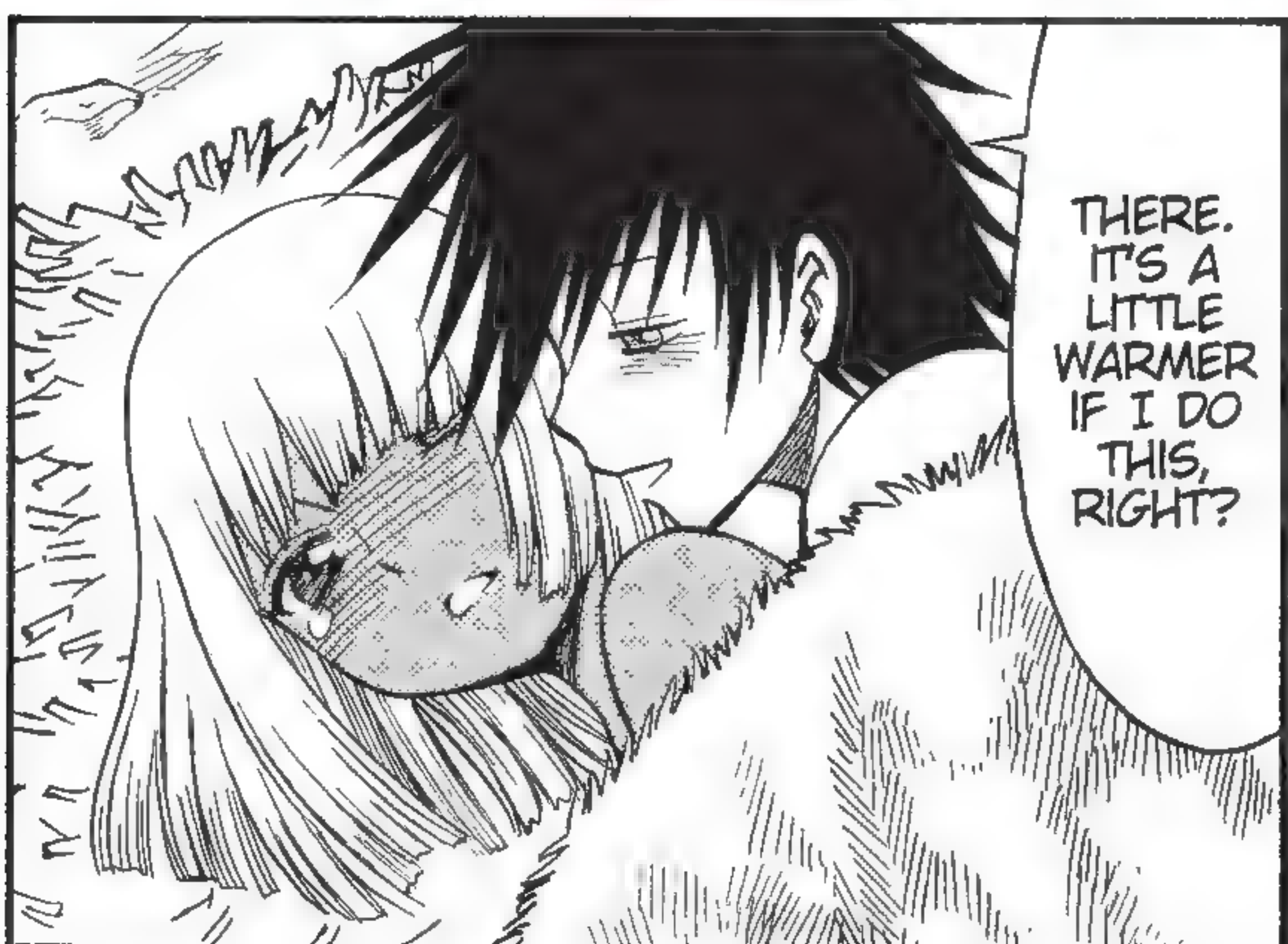
# DANCES with WOLVES















NNN~!



HERE,  
ANGIE.  
EAT  
THIS  
MOSS!!

YEEESH!

IT  
SUCKS  
OUT  
THERE,  
RIGHT  
NOW!



AKIRA,  
I  
DID IT!  
I  
REALLY  
DID IT!!  
♡

AWE-  
SOME!  
YOU  
DID IT,  
ANGIE!



GRA-  
HAM!!

IT'S  
SUP-  
POSED  
TO HELP  
AGAINST  
COLDS.

HAD TO  
GO TWO  
MOUNTAIN  
RANGES  
OVER TO  
FIND IT,  
THOUGH.



OH!

ISN'T  
THAT  
SWEET?

HMPH.

Y'KNOW,  
WE HELPED  
TOO.  
DON'T WE  
GET  
ANYTHING?



I JUST  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO FAIL  
THIS,  
EITHER.

HEY,  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE I'M  
BUYING IN  
TO WHAT  
YOU SAID  
BEFORE.



GAH!  
OFF!  
OFF!

I  
LOVE  
YOU  
GUYS  
TOO,  
SANIN!  
GRAHAM  
!!

WOOT!  
♡



NOW  
TRANS-  
FER IT  
MOUTH-  
TO-  
MOUTH.

BLEAH!  
IT'S  
BITTER  
!!

SANIIN!!

SO  
HOW  
AM I  
GOING  
TO EAT  
THIS?  
  
WE'VE  
ALL  
GOTTA  
CHEW  
ON IT  
TO  
SOFTEN  
IT UP!!



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## NEXT VOLUME PREVIEW

THE PAST ONCE AGAIN REARS  
ITS UGLY HEAD...  
AND A NEW VISITOR APPEARS.

IF THAT'S  
THE CASE,  
THEN  
THIS GLY  
WANTS TO  
BE ME.

WE HAVE  
COME TO  
THE BUND,  
SEEKING  
POLITICAL  
ASYLLUM!

IS THIS  
THE  
"GROWTH"  
YOU  
WERE  
HOPING  
FOR...

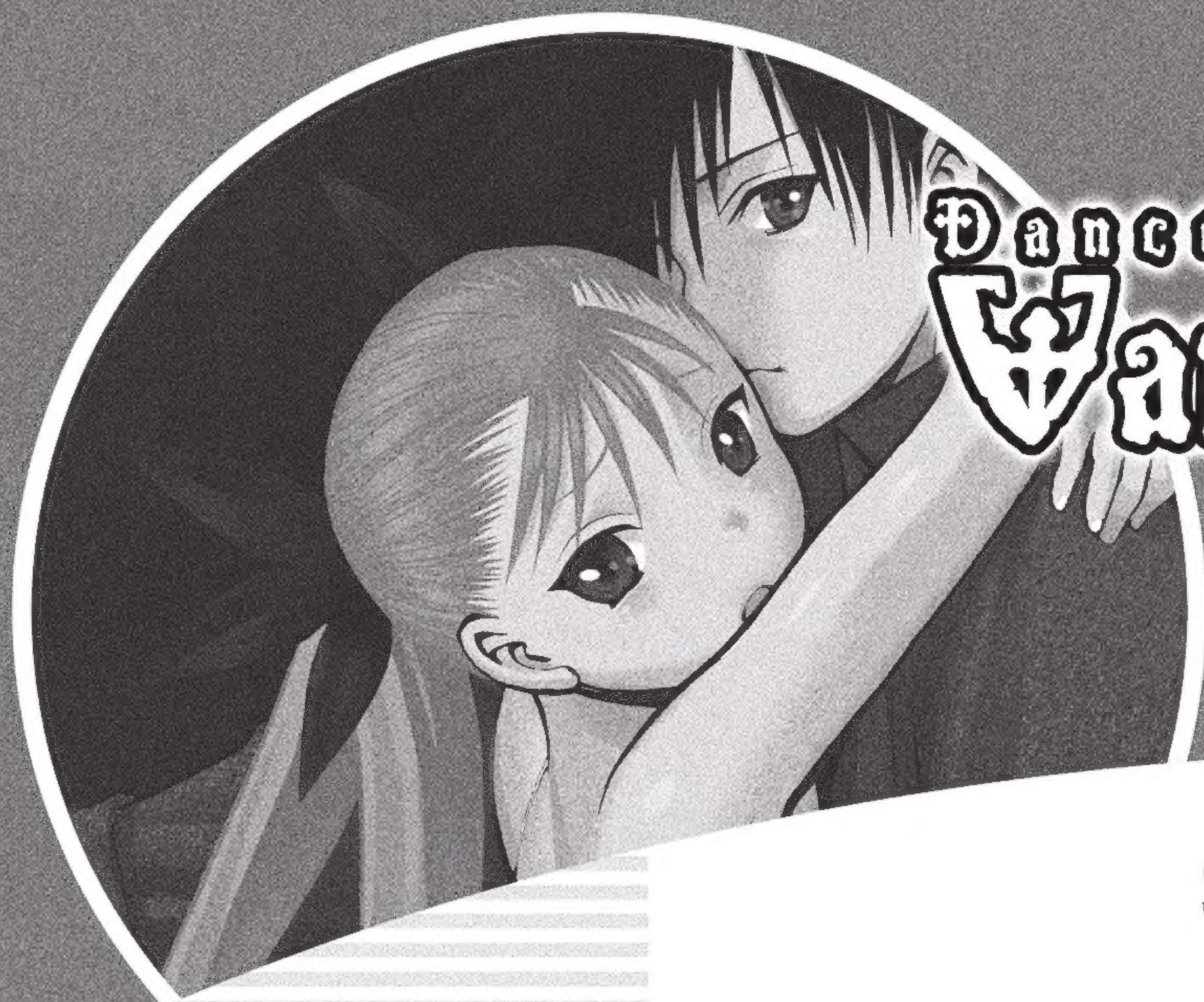
THAT'S  
THE  
FEELING  
I'M  
GETTING.

WOLF-  
GANG?

CONSPIRACY  
CONTINUES  
TO ASSAIL THE  
WOLF AND  
HIS QUEEN.  
HOPE ARRIVES,  
BUT SO DOES  
THE OMEN OF  
A DEADLY  
PLAGUE!

# VOLUME 8 COMING SOON!





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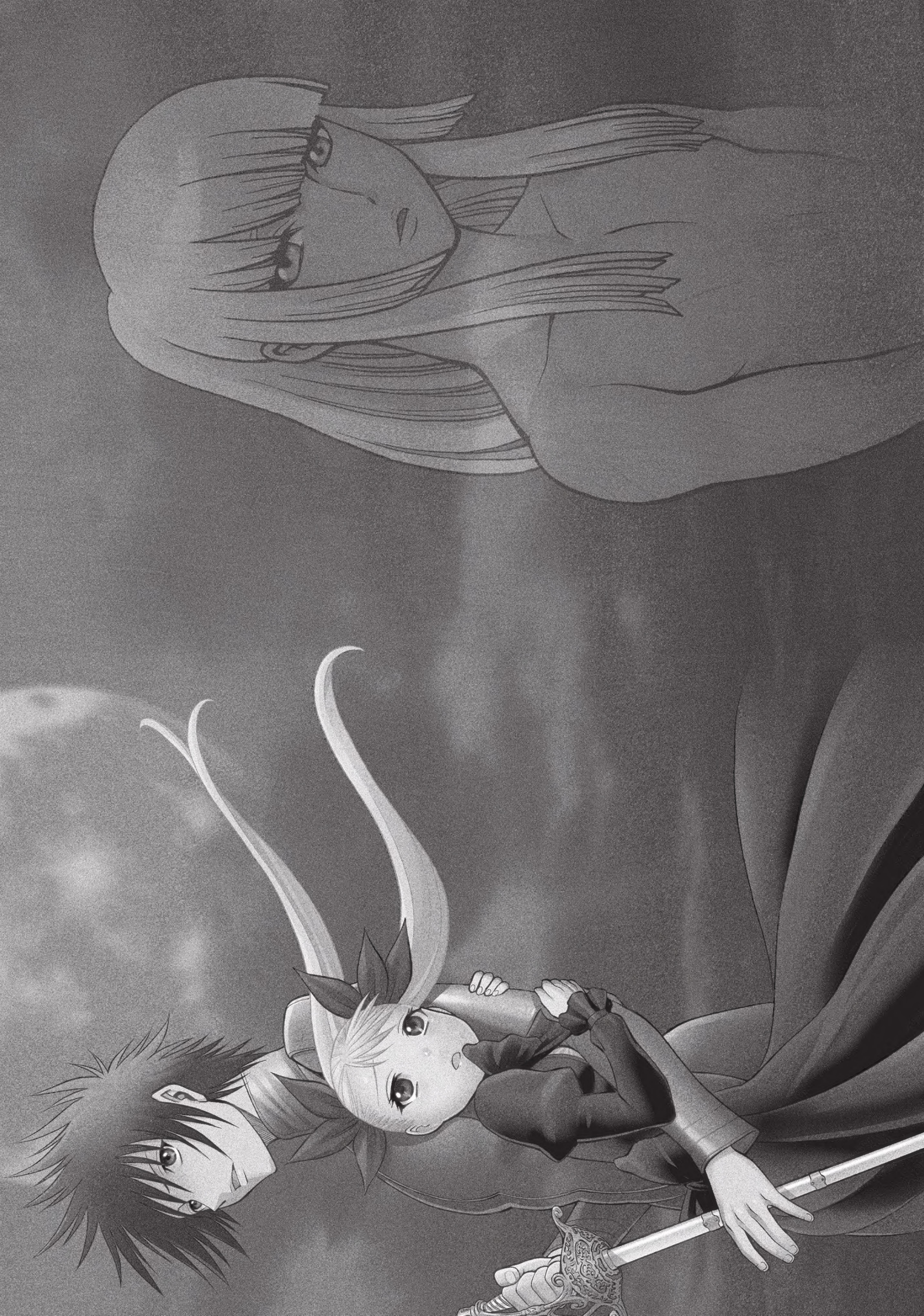
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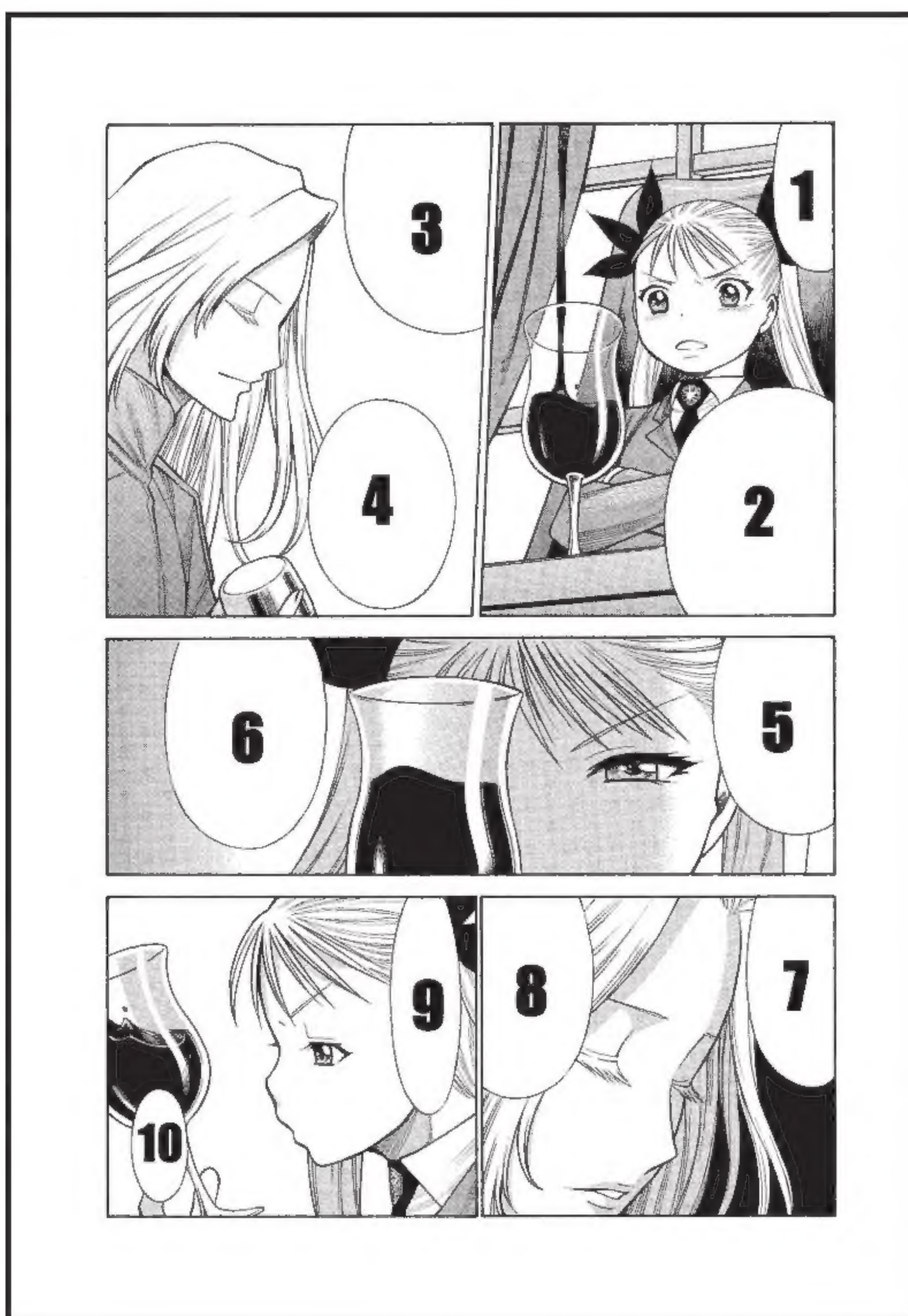




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